



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*A wonderful story is told of a wealthy Scottish nobleman, richly attired,  
who was riding his magnificent horse and came upon a poor peasant,  
dressed in rags, who was kneeling in the mud and praying.*

*“You must be close to God,” the lord scoffed.*

*“Aye,” the peasant responded with unmistakable bliss, “He is very fond of me.”*

*What joy worship bestows when it conveys this identity!*

**MARVA J. DAWN**

**A ROYAL ‘WASTE’ OF TIME: THE SPLENDOR OR WORSHIPING GOD**



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude

*Hymn of Praise: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
My Soul, Bless Now Thy Maker*

ST. DENIO

Johann Walther

*To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

*1 Timothy 1:17*

The Announcements

Rev. Clark

The Striking of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 150:1-2, 6 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;

**Praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

**Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

*ALL: Praise the Lord!*

•† The Hymn No. 68                      *All Creatures of Our God and King*                      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

•† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*                      OLD HUNDREDTH

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – James 4:8

Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The Prayer of Confession – Based upon Psalm 51:1-3, 9, 12

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!**

**For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

**Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.**

**Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin,  
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 308

*Thou Art the Way*

ARLINGTON

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

arr. Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of Heav'n to earth come down,  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.

Changed from glory into glory, 'til in Heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen!

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word – Hebrews 1:1-4

pew Bible page 1275

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,  
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,  
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church. They may be  
picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

The Sermon

God Spoke

Dr. Lillback

The Closing Prayer

## **FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT**

† The Hymn No. 270

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

*Fugue in G Major No. 2*

Nikolaus Bruhns

# Sanctuary

SERMON SERIES

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Peter Lillback to the Trinity Church pulpit. Dr. Lillback is President and Professor of Historical Theology and Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary. He holds a doctorate degree from Westminster Theological Seminary and a master's degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Lillback has been ordained in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and holds his present credentials as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Dr. Lillback's academic interests include church history, the doctrine of Scripture, public theology, the theology of John Calvin, Johannine Theology, and Christianity as it relates to American history. He co-edited with David Hall, *A Theological Guide to Calvin's Institutes: Essays and Analysis* and coedited with Dr. Richard Gaffin *Thy Word Is Still Truth*, which is a survey of essential writings on the doctrine of Scripture from the Reformation to today. Portions of Dr. Lillback's research on Christianity in American history is described in his publications *George Washington's Sacred Fire* and *Wall of Misconception*. His lecture "The American Presbyterian Experience of Religious Liberty and the American Amendments to the Westminster Confession" may be found on the Westminster Seminary website. Dr. Lillback also serves as the president emeritus and founder of The Providence Forum and senior editor of the new *Unio cum Christo: An International Journal of Reformed Theology and Life*.



*To* all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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