

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*“It seems, then,” said Tirian, smiling himself, “that the stable seen from within
and the stable seen from without are two different places.”*

“Yes,” said the Lord Digory. “Its inside is bigger than its outside.”

*“Yes,” said Queen Lucy. “In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that
was bigger than our whole world.”*

C. S. LEWIS, THE LAST BATTLE



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude *Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 2* Herbert Howells

*But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace. – Psalm 37:11*

The Announcements Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

**Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Revelation 1:4a, 5-6

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

•† The Hymn No. 259 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

† 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 Gloria Patri – No. 648 in *The Hymnal* GREATOR EX

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Hebrews 4:14-16

Since, then, we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – from Psalm 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

The Pastoral Prayer

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

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

arr. Ken Berg

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul He fills and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the Kingdom of His might, lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud His praises
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises:
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Psalter Reading– Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

for He has founded it upon the seas

and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD

and righteousness from the God of His salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek Him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

† The Epistle Reading - Colossians 1:15-23

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*If you are visiting today and do not own a 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 after the service.*

The Sermon

TIL KINGDOM COME
(see outline on page eight)

Rev. Cooper

† The Hymn No. 161

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

SELAH ANN MATHAI

Parents: Shannon and Jacob Mathai

Baptizing: Grandfather, Rev. Paul T. Murphy

Assisting: Rev. Michael Howell

Ruling Elder, John Steiner

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

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Selah's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Selah to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

The Vow of the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of Selah?

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

† The Hymn

O God, Great Father, Lord and King
(page seven of the bulletin)

CANONBURY

FOLLOWING GOD’S SPIRIT

† The Benediction of God’s Grace

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

The Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth

Johann Pachelbel

Edward M. Patterson, *organist-choirmaster emeritus*

Following the Service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the Mathai family at the front of the Sanctuary. Join them in their thanksgiving and anticipation of God’s faithfulness to His covenant promises and assure them of your support through prayer, encouragement, and partnership in Selah’s instruction in the fear and admonition of the Lord.



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD’S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE BAPTISM OF**

Selah Ann Mathai

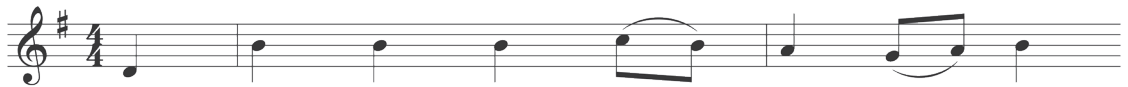
AND IN MEMORY OF HER PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Kuriakose Varkey Kannikattel

AND IN MEMORY OF HER MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Josephine Mary Murphy

O God, Great Father, Lord and King



1. O God, great Fa - ther, Lord and King,
 2. Your cov - 'nant bless - ing did of old
 3. Look down up - on us while we pray
 4. They now the out - ward sign re - ceive;
 5. Di - rect their feet in ho - ly ways



our child - ren un - to You we bring.
 our par - ents and their seed en - fold.
 and vis - it us in grace to - day.
 Your pro - mised Ho - ly Spi - rit give.
 and shine on them through dark - est days.



We come in faith and hope and love;
 That an - cient pro - mise stands se - cure
 These lit - tle ones You did re - ceive;
 O keep and help them by Your pow'r
 Up - hold them 'til their life is past



we dare Your stead - fast Word to prove.
 and shall while heav'n and earth en - dure.
 Your pre - cious pro - mise we be - lieve.
 in ev - 'ry hard and try - ing hour.
 and bring them all to heav'n at last.

SERMON NOTES

I. Who Is This King of Glory? vv. 15-20

A. Family Resemblance

B. Creative Control

C. Leading from the Front

D. Flesh and Blood

II. The World and Those Who Dwell therein, vv. 21, 22

A. Their Past

B. Their Present and Future

III. So What?

SCRIPTURAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDER

1 Timothy 3:2-7

² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Titus 1:6-9

⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

SCRIPTURAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEACON

1 Timothy 3:8-12

⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.

ELDER NOMINEES

Josh Blades
Clint Carroll
Bob Champion
Bart Harmon
Tim Howe

Fred Johnson
Stuart Newsome
Jim Rives
Hous Waring
Pat Williams, Jr.

*The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer,
he desires a noble task. – 1 Timothy 3:1*

DEACON NOMINEES

John Albritton, III
John George Archer
Price Bishop
Wesley Black
David Coyne
Tripp DeMoss

Nick Freeman
Will Fuller
Franklin Johnson
Jake Johnson
Stephen Spooner

*For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves
and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. – 1 Timothy 3:13*

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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