



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 17, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Our afflictions are light when compared with what we really deserve. They are light when compared with the sufferings of the Lord Jesus. But perhaps their real lightness is best seen by comparing them with the eternal glory which is awaiting us!

ARTHUR W. PINK (1886-1952)

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17-18



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude

Meditation on 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded'

David Bednall

*Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth,
before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say,
"I have no pleasure in them."
Ecclesiastes 12:1*

The Announcements

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Chiming of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

LANCASHIRE

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love,
O name of might and favor, all other names above;
we worship You, we bless You, to You alone we sing;
we praise You, and confess You our holy Lord and King.**

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 18:3, 28:2 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.
**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cry to You for help,
when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

•† The Hymn No. 383

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

† 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 – Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him,
since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Prayer of Confession – Martin Bucer (1491-1551)

O God the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful to us and deliver us, O Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil –

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death –

Deliver us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, by the mystery of Your holy incarnation, by Your holy nativity,
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptations –

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Your agony and bloody sweat, by Your cross and passions,
by Your death and burial, by Your resurrection and ascension,
by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter –

Deliver us, O Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Psalm 145:8-9

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

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

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.
John 3:16-17

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word – 1 John 2:18-27

pew Bible, page 1302

*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.**

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

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

CONFIDENT CHRISTIAN LIVING
VI. The Doctrinal Test

Rev. Clark

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 381

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Toccata on 'Aus der Tiefe'

Christopher Tambling

*Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.*

Ecclesiastes 11:1



The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gay Townsend Rue

BY HER FAMILY

SERMON NOTES
1 John 2:18-27
The Doctrinal Test

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Palm Procession and music by the Chancel Choir, with Brass Quintet and timpani.

Sermon by the Reverend Kurt Cooper

PALM SUNDAY VESPERS | MARCH 24

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Trinity Children's Choirs, with String Quartet.

Homily by the Reverend Bill Clark

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE | MARCH 28

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Solo by Henry Coyne, with violinist Grace Kim

Homily by the Reverend Bill Clark

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir and MSO Fellowship Cellist, Jiaoyang Xu

Homily by the Reverend Kurt Cooper

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the South Lawn

Homily by the Reverend Bill Clark

Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service

All are welcome!

Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir with trumpeter Michael Huff.

Overflow seating provided in Trinity Hall

Sermon by the Reverend Kurt Cooper

NO EVENING VESPERS