



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 3, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

“When You saw our trouble, You became one of us, to rescue us. You were willing not only to be born with a body, but You became flesh, enduring to be born and die. You endure funeral rites– You, the author of life and framer of the world! You enter the path of death in giving the aid of salvation. Darkness perishes, put to flight by Your brightness. The thick blanket of eternal night falls away. Arise, Buried One. Let us see Your face again, that the world may see the light. Amen!”

VENANTIUS (530-609)

FROM “FOUNT OF HEAVEN: PRAYERS OF THE EARLY CHURCH”



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

arr. Linda R. Lamb

The Handbell Choir – Steve Lee, director

*Now before the Feast of the Passover,
when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father,
having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

John 13:1

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

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

DUKE STREET

**Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, mysterious Godhead, Three-in-One!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend; Grace, pardon, life, to us extend.**

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 96:9; Isaiah 6:3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!**

•† The Hymn No. 27

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

† 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 on 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. 425

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

HENDON

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

Lamb of God Most Holy

F. Melius Christansen

Lamb of God most holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient, still, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word – 1 John 2:3-11

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*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
IV. More than a Feeling

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 429

The Solid Rock

SOLID ROCK

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Edward M. Patterson, *organist-choirmaster emeritus*

arr. Robert A. Hobby

SERMON NOTES
1 John 2:3-11
More Than a Feeling

I. Assurance

A. Attainable

B. Inward not Outward

II. Two Out of Three

A. Moral Test (vv. 3-6)

1. Objections

2. Primary Source

3. WWJD

B. Social Test (vv. 7-11)

1. Old & New

2. Battery Required

III. So What?

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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