



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 21, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Public worship, I am bold to say, has always been one mark of God's servants. I believe the last day will show that wherever God has had a people He has always had a congregation. His servants, however few in number, have always assembled themselves together and approached their Heavenly Father in company. They have been taught to do it for many wise reasons, partly to bear a public testimony to the world, partly to strengthen, cheer, help, encourage and comfort one another, and above all, to train and prepare them for the general assembly in Heaven.

J. C. RYLE, EVANGELICAL ANGLICAN BISHOP (1816-1900)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude *Chorale-Prelude on 'What God Ordains is Always Right'* Johann Pachelbel
Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! ~ Psalm 133:1

The Announcements Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit *Christ Has Arisen!* Franz Schubert

† The Call to Worship – Habbakuk 3:18; Psalm 126:3 (**congregation reads bold type**)

Rejoice in the LORD; Take joy in the God of your salvation.

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

• † The Hymn No. 228

Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN TO JOY

† 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*

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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 our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Prayer of Confession – from the *Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 583

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
(verses 1, 2, and 5)

ELLESDIE

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Gordon Young

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work or prayer, to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – 1 John 3:11-18

pew Bible, page 1303

*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

Give A Little Bit

Rev. Cooper

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

† The Hymn No. 551

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

JOHN GEORGE ARCHER, JR.

Parents: Katie and John George Archer

Assisting: Ruling Elder Ken Williams

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge George'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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate George to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him 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 George?

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Whimsy on ST. BRENDANS

David Schelat

*“By this all people will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another.”*

John 13:35

SERMON NOTES

1 John 3:11-18

Give A Little Bit

- I. Message from the Beginning (v. 11)

- II. Cain and Abel (v. 12)

- III. Love and Hate (v. 13-15)

- IV. Love and Sacrifice (v. 16)

- V. Love and Practice (vv. 17-18)



The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Lynda Joan Buchanan Ellis

WITH LOVE AND AFFECTION BY HER TRINITY CHURCH FRIENDS

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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