



# **THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 28, 2024

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*That which we dare invoke to bless;  
Our dearest faith; our ghastliest doubt;  
He, They, One, All; within, without;  
The Power in darkness whom we guess;*

*I found Him not in world or sun,  
Or eagle's wing, or insect's eye;  
Nor thro' the questions men may try,  
The petty cobwebs we have spun:*

*If e'er when faith had fall'n asleep,  
I heard a voice, "Believe no more,"  
And heard an ever-breaking shore  
That tumbled in the Godless deep,*

*A warmth within the breast would melt  
The freezing reason's colder part,  
And like a man in wrath the heart  
Stood up and answer'd, "I have felt."*

*No, like a child in doubt and fear:  
But that blind clamour made me wise;  
Then was I as a child that cries,  
But crying, knows his father near;*

*And what I am beheld again  
What is, and no man understands;  
And out of darkness came the hands  
That reach thro' nature, moulding men.*

**ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON – IN MEMORIAM**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

*Elegy*

John Ireland

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit. ~ Titus 3:4-5*

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

•† The Ascription of Praise

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name You;  
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim You,  
And adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.**

† The Call to Worship – Luke 24:34; Exodus 15:21 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Sing to the Lord who has risen indeed!

**I will sing to the Lord,  
For He has triumphed gloriously! Alleluia!**

•† The Hymn No. 238

*Worship Christ, the Risen King!*

REGENT SQUARE

† 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 *The Hymnal*

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## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – 1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 408

*God, Be Merciful to Me*

REDHEAD 76

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

*Open My Eyes*

K. Lee Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;  
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of Your commandments.

O God, be my only Lord, and beside You let there be none else,  
No other, none else with You.

Teach me to worship You and serve You in all my understandings

With truth of spirit, with honor of body,  
With blessing of mouth both in public and private.

*Lancelot Andrews, 1555-1626*

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – 1 John 3:19-24

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

**X. CONFIDENT CHRISTIAN LIVING**

Rev. Cooper

*Total Eclipse of the Heart*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

† The Hymn No. 84

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

**TENNYSON MARGARET HOWE**

*Parents:* Shelby and Tim Howe

*Siblings:* Leighton Howe

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder Jim Rives

The Biblical Promise

## The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Tenny'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 Tenny 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 Tenny?

## 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

*Basse de Trompette*

Louis Marchand

*“And I will be a Father to you,  
and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”  
2 Corinthians 6:18*

**SERMON NOTES**  
1 John 3:19-24  
*Total Eclipse of the Heart*

- I. Heart of the Matter (vv. 19-21)
  
- II. Blank Check? (v. 22)
  
- III. Trust & Obey (v. 23)
  
- IV. The Spirit (v. 24)



*The Sanctuary Flowers*

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

*Tennyson Margaret Howe*

**AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

*Mr. and Mrs. William Leighton*

**GREAT-GRANDPARENTS, AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

*Mr. John Howe*

**GRANDFATHER, BY MR. AND MRS. TIM HOWE**

*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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