



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that He said; if He didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what He said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like His teaching but whether or not He rose from the dead.

TIMOTHY KELLER

IN THE REASON FOR GOD: BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

Meditation on 'Alleluia'

A. D. Miller

*Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive
the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.*

Luke 18:17

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Choral Introit

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

George F. Root

The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Habakkuk 2:20

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 118:1, 22-24 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

For His steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

•† The Hymn

Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain
(see page 6)

ST. KEVIN

† 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 – Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

The Prayers of Confession – adapted from *Knox's Liturgy, 1560*

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence.
We have sinned against You, O Lord, and have offended You.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses,
so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You.
And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son,
to show mercy to us and forgive us all our offenses.
Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age.
By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that not only the actions of our life,
but also the words of our mouths and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by You.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;
return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 245 *Jesus, Lord, Redeemer* KING'S WESTON
The Choir will sing verse one, then the congregation will sing all three verses.

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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Randall Bass
text: Bernard of Clairvaux

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to Thee again.
Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them who seek Thee, Thou art good; to them who find Thee, all in all.
Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.
O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word - 1 John 2:28-3:3

pew Bible, page 1302

*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.**

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
VII. We Belong

Rev. Cooper

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 538

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Declamation on KINGS WESTON

Craig Phillips

*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this:
that One has died for all, therefore all have died;
and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves
but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.*

2 Corinthians 5:14-15



SERMON NOTES

1 John 2:28-3:3

We Belong

- I. Chapter & Verse

- II. Abiding

- III. Adoption

- IV. Appearing

- V. So What?

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Ex. 15:1

F C⁷ F Dm C F B^b F C

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

G⁷ C Am C G⁷ C

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

C⁷ F C F D Gm B^b F C

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

F C⁷ F⁷ B^b Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ C⁷ F

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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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