

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MAY 12, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

It was necessary that as our High Priest He should, after offering Himself as a sacrifice, pass through the heavens to appear before God in our behalf. An essential part, and that a permanent one, of His priestly office was to be exercised in Heaven. He there makes constant intercession for His people. As He died for our sins, He rose for our justification. All this was typified under the old dispensation. The victim was slain without in the court of the temple; the high priest bore the blood with much incense within the veil and sprinkled it on the Mercy Seat. What the high priest did in the earthly temple, it was necessary for the High Priest of our profession to do in the temple made without hands, eternal in the heavens.

CHARLES HODGE

PRESIDENT OF PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1851-1878



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(from *Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*)

Daniel Cho, Bonnie Furuto, *violin*

Rene Reder, *viola*; Warren Samples, *cello*

*Author of life divine, who hast a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread,*

*preserve the life Thyself hast giv'n,
and feed and train us up for Heav'n.*

Charles Wesley

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit *Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory Be To God On High!* Carl F. Mueller

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia to the Savior Who has won the victory!

Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 47:5-7 (*congregation reads bold type*)

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

•† The Hymn No. 361 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!* HYFRYDOL

† 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

He 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 Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Hebrews 9:24, 27-28

Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Howell

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

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let Your light pierce the darkness and fill Your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,
it soon is evening, and night is falling.
(Based upon Luke 24:29)

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Acts 1:6-11

pew Bible, page 1156

*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

Rise Up

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

ADMISSION OF COVENANT CHILDREN TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

NASH CULVER BARGANIER

WILLIAM OLIVER BLADES

WILLIAM PATTERSON FRAZER

SANTIAGO GOMEZ

VALENTINA GOMEZ

ROBERT ALEXANDER McLENDON V

MARTHA EMERSON RUDDER

CLARA KAE SCHOETTKER

BRADLEY PHILLIP THOMAS, JR.

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, Who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in Heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

Q: How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

A: **Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.**

The Confirmation Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, strengthen these Your servants, we beseech You, with the Holy Spirit, Your Comforter, and daily increase in them Your manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and keep them in Your mercy unto life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Defend, O Lord, these Your servants with Your heavenly grace; that they may continue Yours forever; and daily increase in them Your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Your everlasting kingdom. And may the God of all grace, Who has called them to His eternal glory, confirm them to the end, that they may be blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Declaration

Forasmuch as you have made confession of your faith, I do now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great head of the Church, admit you to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and to the fellowship of Christ's Church.

The Charge

And now confirmed as a member of Christ's Church, go forth into the world in peace; take courage; put on the full armor of God; be above reproach; have a good reputation with those outside the church; there is no reason for revenge—leave it in the Lord's hands; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; pray for the afflicted; love God and love others; believe the gospel; rest in the freedom of grace; diligently do the good deeds prepared in advance for you to do; and do all things without complaining, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

† The Hymn No. 249 *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* LLANFAIR

† The Nicene Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

Ave verum corpus, K.618

W. A. Mozart

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Rene Clausen

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns
(see page 10)

DIADEMATA

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Postlude on *Diademata*

Christopher Tambling

*And being found in human form, He humbled Himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him
the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth.
Philippians 2:8-10*



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN TO
THE GLORY OF GOD BY THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
TRINITY CHURCH WOMEN WHO HAVE PASSED INTO GLORY SINCE LAST MOTHER'S DAY**

*Nancy Corless Hogg
Carol Lynn Freeman
Betty Seymour Perdue
Margaret Black Phelps
Anne McKinney Richardson*

SERMON NOTES

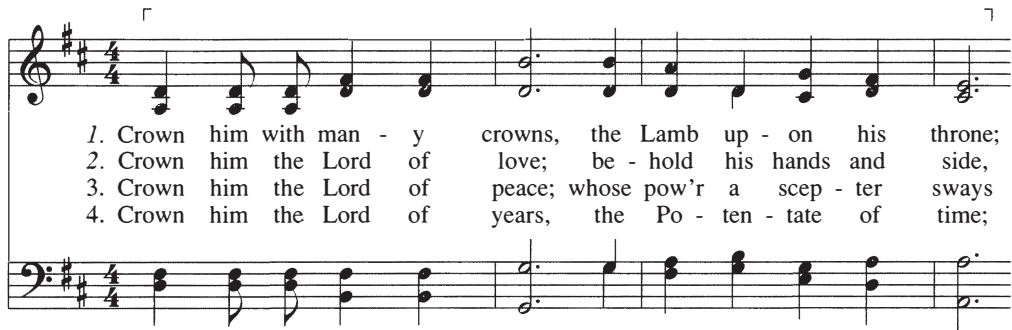
Acts 1:6-11

Rise Up

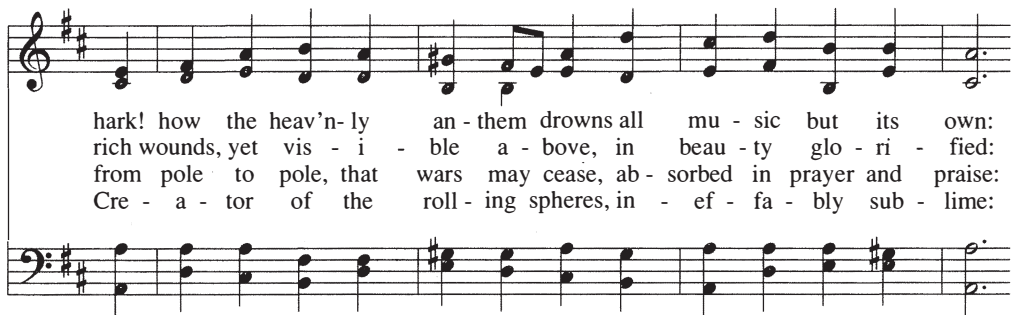
- I. Asking All the Wrong Questions
 - A. Timing, Nature & Scope
 - B. Need to Know Basis
- II. Understanding the Assignment
 - A. The Power of Faith
 - B. The Responsibility of Power
- III. Ascending into Heaven
 - A. Clouds
 - B. Angelic Admonition
 - C. So what?

Crown Him with Many Crowns

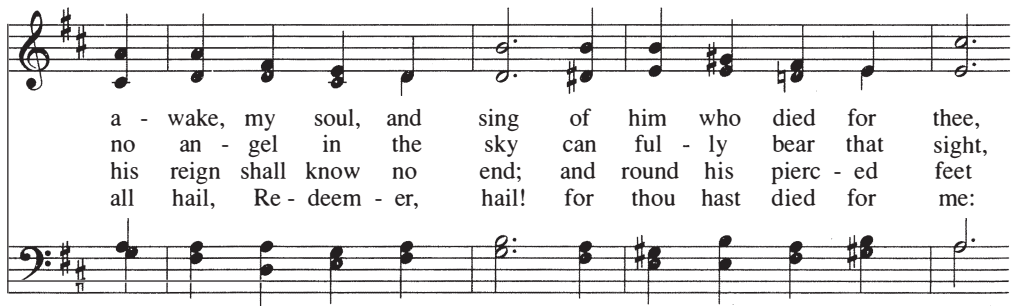
On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12



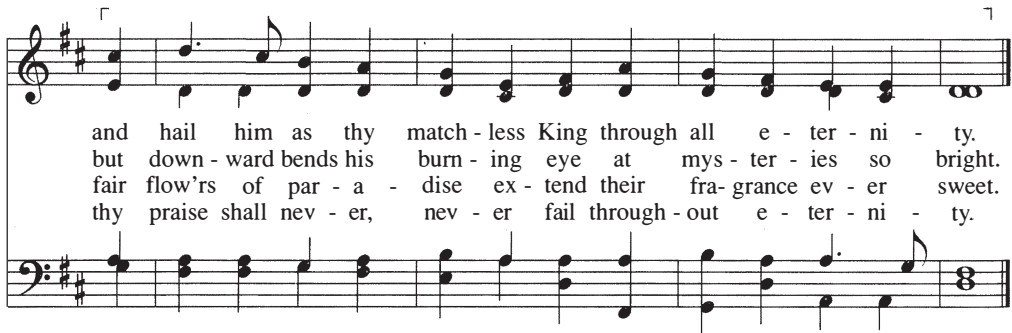
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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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