



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JULY 28, 2024

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon the Savior's brow;  
His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'erflow.  
No mortal can with Him compare, among the sons of men;  
fairer is He than all the fair who fill the heav'nly train.  
He saw me plunged in deep distress, and flew to my relief;  
for me He bore the shameful cross, and carried all my grief.  
To Him I owe my life and breath, and all the joys I have;  
He makes me triumph over death, and saves me from the grave.*

**SAMUEL STENNETT**

**BAPTIST MINISTER, LONDON (1722-95)**



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

*Psalms-Prelude Set 1, No. 2*

Herbert Howells

*For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.*

*Isaiah 61:11*

The Announcements

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

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

REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 150:1-2, 6 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;

**Praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

**Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD!

*ALL:* **Praise the LORD!**

† The Hymn No. 68

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† 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 – Proverbs 28:13

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

The Prayer of Confession – Based upon 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 Silent Prayers of Confession

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. 56

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

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

*O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED, arr. Mays

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
We honor and adore You, Our great and mighty Lord.  
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Clark

† The Reading of God's Word – Ephesians 1:15-23

pew Bible, page 1241

*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

**THE ENDURING COMMUNITY**  
V. A Model Prayer for the Church Today

Rev. Clark

The Closing Prayer

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 270

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

*Chant de Joie*

Jean Langlais

*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,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
Phillippians 2:9-11*

**SERMON NOTES**  
**THE ENDURING COMMUNITY**  
V. A Model Prayer for the Church Today  
Ephesians 1:15-23

**The Apostle Paul's Example of Prayer**

1. The possibility of prayer anytime or place - Paul in prison, yet prays. Eph. 4:1
2. The place of prayer in apostolic ministry:
  - a. The great Apostle labors in prayer himself. "Strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf." Rom. 15:30
  - b. He commands the Church to pray. I Tim. 2:1
3. The prompting of prayer by truth:
  - a. Truth of theology - "For this reason (v. 15)" points to truths contained in vv. 3-14
  - b. Truth of testimony - "having heard of your faith and our love" - v. 15.
4. The priority of thanksgiving in prayer: "do not cease giving thanks" - v. 16
5. The perseverance required in prayer - v. 16. "I do not cease...remembering you in my prayers."
6. Prayer for specific spiritual personal maturity is paramount. vv. 17b-19.

**The Foundational Principle:** The ground of ALL spiritual life and growth is Holy Spirit-given conviction of divine truth.

vv. 17-18 "may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ... that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened *so that you may know....*"

**The Four Petitions for Knowledge:**

1. We must know our God - v. 17
2. We must know our hope - v. 18
3. We must know our riches - v. 18
4. We must know our power - v. 19

**The Assurance of Prayer's Fulfillment.** - vv. 19b-23.

1. The Power at work within us. - vv. 19b-20.
2. The Person above us and all things. - vv. 21-23

**The Applications for Us Today**

*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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