



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 18, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Brethren and sisters, let us hold very loosely everything here,
but let us get a very firm grip on everything that is to be hereafter.*

CHARLES SPURGEON

REFORMED BAPTIST PREACHER (1834-1892)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Prelude

Prelude on BUNESSAN

Alan Bullard

*The secret things belong to the LORD our God,
but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever.
Deuteronomy 29:29a*

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

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

LANCASHIRE

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love,
O name of might and favor, all other names above;
we worship You, we bless You, to You alone we sing;
we praise You, and confess You our holy Lord and King.**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 99:1-3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

The LORD reigns;

Let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

Let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

Holy is He!

† The Hymn No. 32

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

† 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 – Hebrews 7:25

Jesus 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 Prayer of Confession – Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*, 1946

**Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You,
hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins,
asking for Your mercy and forgiveness.**

**We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words,
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.**

**We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness,
and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor.**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
and in Your great goodness,**

**grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life,
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clark

•† The Hymn No. 103

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

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 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* (based on Psalm 8)

Tom Fetteke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;

The moon and stars suspended in space.

O what is man that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
and have made him a little lower than the angels,

You have put him in charge of all creation:
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man that You are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name

Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You joyfully, and so would we.

Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Ephesians 2:14-18

pew Bible, page 1242

*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 six may leave to attend Children's Church.

They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.

The Sermon

THE ENDURING COMMUNITY

Rev. Cooper

VIII. One

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 546 *Before the Throne of God Above* BEFORE THE THRONE

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Organ Interlude

The Congregational Meeting

The Postlude *Postlude on LOBE DEN HERREN* Phillip Moore

*And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls
upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Acts 2:21

THE ENDURING COMMUNITY

VIII. One Ephesians 2:14-18

I. Flesh (Redux)

II. Abolish, Create & Reconcile

III. Peace

IV. One Spirit

V. So What?

Welcome, Tim Challies: *Pastor, Author, Speaker, Blogger*



This evening we welcome pastor Tim Challies to the Trinity pulpit. Mr. Challies is a husband to Aileen, and a father to two girls in their teens and one son who is waiting for him in heaven. He worships and serves as one of the pastors at Grace Fellowship Church, in Toronto, Canada, where he primarily gives attention to mentoring and discipleship. He is a blogger at challies.com, book reviewer for *WORLD* magazine, co-founder of Cruciform Press, and he has written a number of books, including: *The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment* (Crossway, 2007), *Sexual Detox: A Guide for Guys Who Are Sick of Porn* (Cruciform Press, 2010), *Do More Better* (Cruciform

Press, 2015), *Visual Theology: Seeing and Understanding the Truth about God* (Zondervan, 2016), *EPIC: An Around-the-World Journey Through Christian History* (Zondervan, 2020) & *Seasons of Sorrow* (Zondervan, 2022).



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