

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The fact is, as believers, it is not about us. It is not about my joy, my wellbeing. It is about the glory of God and kingdom of Christ. The only means to real joy and contentment is to make His glory the supreme objective in my life.

ELIZABETH ELLIOTT MISSIONARY, AUTHOR, AND SPEAKER



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, Senior Minister

The Prelude

Largo from 'Xerxes'

G. F. Handel

Ed Patterson, *organist-choirmaster emeritus*

I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made Heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, Assistant Minister

The Chiming of the Hour

- Indicates the congregation standing
- Indicates seating for those detained

† The Ascription of Praise (sung by all)

DIADEMATA

Come, sound His praise abroad, and hymns of glory sing;
Jehovah is the sov'reign God, the universal King.
Come, worship at His throne, come bow before the Lord;
We are His works, and not our own, He formed us by His Word.

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-3 (congregation reads bold type)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

Tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name;

ALL: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

• † The Hymn No. 485

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

- † 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 - Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 42

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

BEECHER

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

With A Voice of Singing (from Isaiah 48)

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered His people! Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands!

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious!

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word - Ephesians 2:1-10

pew Bible, page 1242

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

THE ENDURING COMMUNITY

Rev. Cooper

VI. Live and Die

† The Hymn No. 193

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

The Introductions Rev. Cooper

The Vows of Membership

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner 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 a follower 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 yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

- † The Confession of Our Faith inside cover of *The Hymnal*
- The Apostles' Creed

- † The Benediction of God's Grace
- † The Threefold Amen No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Psalm 19:1

THE ENDURING COMMUNITY

VI. Live and Die Ephesians 2:1-10

- I. Saved From Something (v. 1-3)
 - A. Dead in Trespasses & Sins (v. 1)
 - 1. Following the World (v. 2)
 - 2. Following the Prince of the Power of the Air (v. 2)
 - 3. Living in Our Passions & Carrying out Our Desires (v. 3)
 - B. Children of Wrath with Many Siblings (v. 3)
- II. Saved By Someone & Something (v. 4-7)
 - A. Someone: But God (v. 4)
 - 1. Execution of Salvation
 - a. Made Us Alive (v. 5)
 - b. Raised Us Up (v. 6)
 - c. Seated Us (v. 6)
 - 2. Origination of Salvation
 - a. Rich in Mercy (v. 4)
 - b. Great Love (v. 4)
 - c. Kindness (v. 7)
 - B. Something: By Grace You Have Been Saved (v. 5 & 8)
- III. Saved Through Something (v. 8-9)
 - A. What is Faith? (v. 8)
 - B. Why Faith? (v. 9)
- IV. Saved To Something (v. 10)
 - V. So What?

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.

