



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Ransomed men need no longer pause in fear to enter the Holy of Holies. God wills that we should push on into His Presence and live our whole life there. This is to be known to us in conscious experience. It is more than a doctrine to be held, it is a life to be enjoyed every moment of every day. This Flame of the Presence was the beating heart of the Levitical order. Without it all the appointments of the tabernacle were characters of some unknown language; they had no meaning for Israel or for us. The greatest fact of the tabernacle was that Jehovah was there; a Presence was waiting within the veil. Similarly the Presence of God is the central fact of Christianity. At the heart of the Christian message is God Himself waiting for His redeemed children to push in to conscious awareness of His Presence.

A. W. TOZER, IN THE PURSUIT OF GOD



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

Chorale-Prelude on MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT

Sigfried Karg-Elert

*Death, the devil, hell, the world and sin
can harm me no more;*

*in You, O Lord, I find deliverance,
I am consoled by Your grace.*

*Through Your love and grace Your only Son
has paid for me all the debt.*

German, Johann Schein; translation Francis Browne

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

In Thee Is Gladness

G. G. Gastoldi

In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of Heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest,
who trusts Thee surely hath built securely, he stands forever: Hallelujah!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love Him and praise Him,
and still shall raise Him glad hymns forever: Hallelujah!

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 108:3-4 (*congregation reads bold type*)

I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to You among the nations.

For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

ALL: **Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

•† The Hymn No. 3

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

AUSTRIAN HYMN

† 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 – Isaiah 30:15, 18

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling. The LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Psalm 145:13-14

The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.
The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Choral Response

I Am His and He Is Mine

EVERLASTING LOVE

His forever, only His! Who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heaven and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline;
But while Christ and I shall be, I am His and He is mine.

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn No. 413

Jesus! What a Friend to Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

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*

The Anthem

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should'st die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God should'st die for me?

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Clark

† The Reading of God's Word – Ephesians 3:11-21

pew Bible, page 1243

*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
XII. Prayers' Guarantor

Rev. Clark

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 31

To God Be the Glory

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† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Declamation on THE KING'S 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*

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I. Review and Introduction

II. The God Who Hears Our Prayers

A. God All Powerful

B. Who is Powerful Beyond Our Requests and Thoughts

C. Whose Power is Experienced in Us

III. The God Who Is Due Our Complete Praise

A. Glory in the Church

B. Glory in Christ Jesus

C. Glory Forever in Every Place

IV. Application

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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