



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

It is important to remember that culture does not give the church its agenda. All it gives the church is its context. The church's belief and mission come from the Word of God. They do not come from the culture either through attraction to it or in alienation from it. It is not the culture that determines the church's priorities. It is not the (post)modern culture that should be telling it what to think. The principle here is sola Scriptura, not sola cultura.

DAVID F. WELLS IN *THE COURAGE TO BE PROTESTANT*



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Prelude

Andante in C Major, K. 315

W. A. Mozart

Robert Scott, *flute*; Barbara Shanks, *oboe*

arr. Daniel Taupin

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

1 Corinthians 14:33

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

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

HYMN TO JOY

God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord!

Mighty King, whom angels worship, Father, by Your church adored;

All creation shows Your glory, Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Hosts, and God alone!"

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great King over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

ALL: **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

•† The Hymn (*see page, 7*) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

† 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 Gloria Patri – No. 648 in *The Hymnal*

GREATOREX

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clark

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilberg

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Ephesians 3:1-13

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 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

X. Mysterious Ways

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. 362 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

MORECAMBE

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

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

Concerto in D Minor
II. Andante

Alessandro Marcello

*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 Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† The Benediction of God’s Grace

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

The Postlude *Partita on ‘Praise My Soul the King of Heaven,’ V. Finale*

Robert Hobby

*So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?” ~ Hebrews 13:6*



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD’S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Caroline Wilson Slawson

BY HER FAMILY

THE ENDURING COMMUNITY

X. Mysterious Ways

Ephesians 3:1-13

I. Mystery (vv. 3-4, 6 & 9)

A. What Does Paul Mean by Mystery?

B. Three Mysteries

1. Recipients

2. Messenger

3. Method

II. Enduring Community (v. 10)

A. The Church

B. The Angels

C. God's Glory

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.