



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 12, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*O saving Victim, open wide the gate of heaven to us below,
Our foes press on from every side; Your aid supply, Your strength bestow.
To Your great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
O grant us endless length of days in our true native land with Thee. Amen.*

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APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

•† The Ascription of Praise (8:30) – *sung by all*

HYMN TO JOY

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

† The Call to Worship – Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

**It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for Him, that He might save us.**

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;

ALL: let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

•† The Hymn (*see insert*) *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

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† 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*

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SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Exodus 20

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before Me;
You shall not make for yourself an idol;
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain;
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;
Honor your father and your mother; you shall not murder;
You shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal;
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor;
You shall not covet.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Galatians 2:19-20

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Howell

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 Offertory (8:30)

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

The Anthem (11:00)

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true Light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Let Your light pierce the darkness and fill Your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.
(based upon Luke 24:29)

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Luke 24:13-35

pew Bible, page 1125

*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

End of the Road

Rev. Cooper

COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

† The Hymn No. 350 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

† 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 Nicene Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

*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 Benediction Response *Because He Lives* (see page 6)

The Postlude *God of Grace* Paul Manz

Because He Lives

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row,
be - cause He lives all fear is gone;
be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture.
And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Because He Lives". It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is "Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row,". The second line is "be - cause He lives all fear is gone;". The third line is "be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture.". The fourth line is "And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.".

SERMON NOTES

End of the Road

Luke 24:13-35

- I. Journey to Emmaus
- II. Conversation
 - A. Ironic Question
 - B. Missing Ingredient
- III. Seeing Christ
 - A. Interpreted Scriptures
 - B. Broken Bread
- IV. Journey to Jerusalem

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*

Mr. Shaka Marko, *horn*

Miss Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Betty and Bill Gordy

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Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Ex. 15:1

F C⁷ F Dm C F B^b F C

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

G⁷ C Am C G⁷ C

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

C⁷ F C F D Gm B^b F C

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

F C⁷ F⁷ B^b Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ C⁷ F⁷

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

350 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath thee lie;
 4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a - lone can sin de - stroy.

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's pow'r do thou set free, souls re - born, dear Lord, in thee.

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spir - it, ev - er be.