



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

APRIL 23, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

We tend to be taken aback by the thought that God could be angry. How can a deity who is perfect and loving ever be angry?...We take pride in our tolerance of the excesses of others. So what is God's problem?...But love detests what destroys the beloved. Real love stands against the deception, the lie, the sin that destroys. Nearly a century ago the theologian E. H. Gifford wrote: 'Human love here offers a true analogy: the more a father loves his son, the more he hates in him the drunkard, the liar, the traitor.'....Anger isn't the opposite of love. Hate is, and the final form of hate is indifference....How can a good God forgive bad people without compromising himself? Does he just play fast and loose with the facts? 'Oh, never mind...boys will be boys'. Try telling that to a survivor of the Cambodian 'killing fields' or to someone who lost an entire family in the Holocaust. No. To be truly good one has to be outraged by evil and [ruthlessly] hostile to injustice.

REBECCA “BECKY” PIPPERT, *Hope Has Its Reasons*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude Chorale Prelude on GELOBY SEI GOTT arr. Healey Willan
“Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing”

The Striking of the Hour

✠ The Call to Worship Mr. Pendley

Minister: The Father says that the one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Him!

People: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

✠ The Hymn No. 167 *When Morning Guilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

† *Congregation, please stand as able*

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

The Morning Prayers

The Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

(Page 790 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Call to Confession

Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. I dwell in a high and holy place and with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. Thanks be to God.

The General Prayer

The Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Fa - ther's love for us How
Be - hold the man u - pon a cross My
I will not boast in an - y - thing No

vast be - yond all mea - sure That
sin u - pon His shoul - ders A -
gifts no pow'r no wis - dom But

He should give His on - ly Son To
shamed I hear my mock - ing voice Call
I will boast in Je - sus Christ His

make a wretch His trea - sure How
out a - mong the scof - fers It
death and re - sur - rec - tion Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss The
was my sin that held Him there Un -
should I gain from His re - ward I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way As
til it was ac - comp - lished His
can - not give an an - swer But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One Bring
dy - ing breath has brought me life I
this I know with all my heart His

ma - ny sons to glo - ry
know that it is fi - nished
wounds have paid my ran - som

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem *Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing*
Chancel Choir

(This hymn can be found on page 270 of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Romans 1:18-32

Page 1195 in the Pew Bible

† The Response

Minister: All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**People: The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God
shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart.

Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

*Following the service, please pick up your children from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Sermon

A LOVING AND WRATHFUL GOD

Mr. McRoberts

Because God is Good, He is a God of Righteous Judgement...Thankfully

Exposition of Romans IV

Romans 1:18-25

Introduction

Psalter Selection

Psalm 18:1-13

(Page 11 in the *Book of Psalms*)

Summary and Review

I. Bad News: God's Wrath is Deserved: v. 18

A. The Existence of God's Wrath is Clear

B. The Object of God's Wrath is Exposed

C. The Merit of God's Wrath is Unquestionable

II. Bad News: Man's Conscience is Without Excuse: vv. 19-20

III. Bad News: God's Truth is Suppressed: v. 21

IV. Bad News: Man's Progression is Predictable: vv. 22-25

Conclusion: A Brief Survey of God's Wrath in the Bible

Closing Illustration of a Prodigal Come Home

The Closing Prayer

† The Hymn No. 267 *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

† The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away. **AMEN.**

† The Congregational Response Psalm 18:49-50 SWEET HOUR

I therefore will give thanks to You among the nations all, O Lord;
And I will sing the psalms of praise, to Your great name will praise accord.
He to His salvation gives, to His annointed show His grace;
His mercy evermore extends to David and his promised race.

† The Postlude I Know that My Redeemer Lives arr. Richard Wienhorst

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

“Love”

Mr. Curles

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