



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

JULY 2, 2017

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*One day as I was passing into the field ... this sentence fell upon my soul. "Thy righteousness is in heaven." And me thought, withal, I saw with the eyes of my soul Jesus Christ at God's right hand; there, I say, was my righteousness; so that wherever I was, or whatever I was doing, God could not say of me, "He wants [lacks] my Righteousness," for that was just before [in front of] Him. I also saw, moreover, that it was not my good frame of heart that made my righteousness better, nor yet my bad frame that made my righteousness worse, for my righteousness was Jesus Christ Himself, "The same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Now did my chains fall off my legs indeed. I was loosed from my afflictions and irons; my temptations also fled away; so that from that time those dreadful Scriptures of God left off to trouble me; now went I also home rejoicing for the grace and love of God.*

JOHN BUNYAN IN 1666, GRACE ABOUNDING TO THE CHIEF OF SINNERS

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude      Fanfare and Meditation on *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*  
arr. Bradshaw/Mansfield

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship      Mr. Curles

Minister:      Those who look to the LORD are radiant! Their faces are never covered with shame!

People:      **Lift up the light of Your face, O LORD!**

All:      ***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!***

† The Processional Hymn No. 38      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      JOANNA

† Congregation, please stand as able

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

✠ The Lord's Prayer (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Morning Lesson on Faith      Hebrews 11      (Page 1283 in the Pew Bible)

# The Corporate Confession of Sin

**Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in Your presence this day the sinfulness of our hearts and of our ways. We are not worthy of the sufferings of those who laid down their lives, for we have forgotten their sacrifice and have misused the freedom they preserved for us. Above all, O God, we have sinned against You, for we have lived unto ourselves, rather than unto Christ Who for our sakes died and rose again. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us, and deliver us from evil, and grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Assurance of God's Pardon 1 John 2:1

*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.*

## The General Prayer

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† The Hymn No. 501

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*  
(stanzas 1-3, 5)

WOODWORTH

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

*If My People Will Pray*

Jimmy Owens

If My people which are called by My name  
shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.  
If My people which are called by My name  
shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways.

Then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear and forgive their sin.

If My people which are called by My name  
shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray,  
I will forgive their sin.  
If My people which are called by My name  
shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

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

*Following the worship service, please pick up your four year olds from the Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100). Five year olds may be picked up from Room E-212.*

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The Sermon

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

Mr. McRoberts

*The Benefits of Christ's Death and Resurrection*

Exposition of Romans, XIV

Romans 4:23-25

\* *A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.*

The Closing Prayer

† The Recessional Hymn No. 455     *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

SAGINA

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

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, until the day breaks and these shadows flee away. **AMEN.**

† The Postlude

Postlude on *Immortal, Invisible*

arr. Robert Graham

# LORD'S DAY VESPERS

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PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

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Scripture Calls Us to Worship

Mr. McRoberts

Gathering Hymn No. 307

*Nothing But the Blood*  
(stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

PLAINFIELD

Opening Prayer

Testimonies of Thanksgiving with Patriotic Hymns

Evening Prayer

Reflection ~ See Shorter Catechism, Question 36

Page 872 in the *Trinity Hymnal*

*Children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Evening Scripture Lesson

2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:5  
Pages 1300, 1247, and 1293 in the Pew Bible

Homily

“Increase in Grace: Perseverance in Grace to the End”

Mr. Howell

The Benefits of Being a Christian, IV  
2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:5

I. Cultivated Growth: 2 Peter 3:18

II. Constantly Guarded: Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:5

Closing Chorus

*We Go in Peace*

(see page 8)

Benediction of God's Grace

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## The National Anthem

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O! thus be it e'er, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Hymn

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly, and those who on the ocean ply;  
Be with our troops upon the land, and all who for their country stand:  
Be with these guardians day and night and may their trust be in Thy might.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
and ever let there rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at Your feet we fall,  
and humbly, with united cry, to You for mercy call.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, and ours no less we own,  
yet wondrously from age to age Your goodness has been shown.

With one consent we meekly bow beneath Your chast'ning hand,  
and, pouring forth confession meet, mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, as thus we lift our prayer;  
correct us with Your judgments, Lord, then let Your mercy spare.

# We Go In Peace

We go in peace, we go in love, we go with  
grace and mer-cy from the Lord a-bove to tell the world this ver-y  
thing: that Je - sus Christ is Lord and King,  
Je - sus Christ is Lord and King!