



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The New Testament method way of sanctification, therefore, is to get us to realize our position and standing, and to act accordingly. That is the New Testament way of teaching...holiness. In other words, 'be what you are'...how often we are told that we need something further...but there is no indication of that anywhere here. It is because of what has already happened, it is because of what is true of us, that this command is addressed to us [to offer ourselves slaves of righteousness, Romans 6:19].

D. M. LLOYD JONES

Slavery to sin begins at our birth. Slavery to God begins at our new birth.

God's grace enables us to embrace the gospel in the heart ...

resulting in a total change of life!

TIM KELLER

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Aria

Handel/arr. C. H. Trevor

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1; Psalm 113:3

Mr. Curles

Minister: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

† The Processional Hymn No. 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA

(stanzas 1, 3-5)

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

The Morning Prayers

The Corporate Responsive Prayer of Confession Psalm 32
(pages 795-796 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

✠ The Hymn No. 500 *Rock of Ages* NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

Come Labor On
Chancel Choir

John Ferguson

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."
Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.
Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.
Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie.
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Romans 6:15-23

Page 1199 in the Pew Bible

† The Response

Minister: All men are like grass, and all their glory is the 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 worship service, please pick up your children from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Sermon

THANKS BE TO GOD!!
From Slaves of Sin to Servants of God
Exposition of Romans, XXII
Romans 6:15-23

Mr. McRoberts

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

The Closing Prayer

† The Hymn No. 529 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

† 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 Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

† The Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Gayden Sikes

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

In the Sanctuary—INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

In the Westminster Room—PRAYER FOR THE SERVICE WITH THE MINISTERS

Scripture Calls Us to Worship

Mr. McRoberts

Gathering Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS

Opening Prayer

Hymn and Psalter Sing

Evening Prayer

Meditation, Reflection, and Preparation for the Word

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Lesson

Romans 6:5-11

Page 1198 in the Pew Bible

Homily

SINCE YOU ASKED:

Mr. Curles

“Why Does the Old Man Seem So Strong?”

** See pages 7-8 for information pertaining to the sermon.*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives.

Benediction of God's Grace

OLD MAN/FALSE SELF

Old Theological Realities

Outside of Christ (Eph. 2:12)
Old man dies (Ro. 6:6; Gal 5:24)
Dead to sin
Enslaved to sin and sins
No Holy Spirit
False, fake, living in lies
Life outside of the "way"
Bondage
Life under a curse
Weakness of the flesh

Old Status (Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 4:1-6)

Slave
The flesh
Moralism/legalism/pride of denomination
Little "I"

Old Mindset of God and Self (Romans 8:5-8)

Setting my mind on the flesh
My life and righteousness defines me
Life by trying harder
I earn my status before God
Some people are good, some are bad
God accepts me because of what/who I am
I am my salvation
I can handle it
I can be righteous on my own
I can be righteous by working

Old Life (Romans 8:12-17)

Feels alone, lacks intimacy with God, vacuum of self concern

Full of anxiety over needs, friends, money; I'm all alone and nobody cares

NEW MAN/TRUE SELF

New Theological Realities

In Christ (Eph. 2:13; 2 Cor. 5:17)
New man made alive (Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9ff)
Alive to God
Free from sin and sins
Indwelling Holy Spirit
True, authentic, living in truth
Life in the "way"
Freedom
Life under blessing and favor
Power of the Spirit

New Status (Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 4:1-6)

Son
The Spirit
Gospel
Big "I"

New Mindset God and Self (Romans 8:5-8)

Setting my mind on the Spirit
Christ's life and righteousness defines me
Life by faith
I receive my status before God
All are sinful; none are righteous
God accepts no one because of who they are
God is my salvation
I can't handle it
I can only be righteous by faith
I can only be righteous by resting/receiving

New Life (Romans 8:12-17)

Has a growing assurance that God is my Father

Trusts the Father and has growing confidence in His care

OLD MAN/FALSE SELF

Lives on a success/fail basis; must look good at any cost; performance oriented

Feels condemned, guilty and unworthy before God and others

Has “little faith”, I’ve got to fix it

Labors under a sense of unlimited obligation, trying hard to please, burn out

Rebellious toward God and others, often spiritually cold and hard hearted

Defensive, can’t listen

Must always be right, safe, secure, unwilling to fail, defensive

SELF-confident but discouraged, defeated, and lacking the Spirit’s power

Complaining and thankless toward God and others, must tear others down

Expert at pointing out what is wrong, always dissatisfied about something

Always comparing self with others leading to either pride or despair

Powerless to defeat the flesh, no real heart victory over past sins

Relatively prayerless, prayer is last resort

Need to boast, must point out achievements for fear others will overlook them

Something other than Jesus can satisfy, idols in his life make him feel worthy and justified

Little desire to share the gospel since his life is so miserable; when he does he tends to do so out of duty

NEW MAN/TRUE SELF

Feels loved, forgiven, and totally accepted because Christ’s record really clothes him

Daily, working trust in God’s sovereign plan as loving, wise, and best

Prayer is the first resort

Has strength to be submissive

Open to criticism b/c he sees himself in Christ’s perfection; examines motives

Able to take risks, fail, needs no record to boast in

Christ confident and encouraged

Relies on the spirit to guide the tongue in praise, thanks, encouragement

Not blind to wrong but chooses to focus on the right

Freely confesses faults to others and prefers to focus on their strengths

Stands confidently in Christ, self-worth comes from Jesus blood and righteousness.

Seeing more and more victory over the flesh as he rests in Christ

Prayer is a vital part of the day, love to talk to God

Boasts in his weakness and in Christ

Christ is meat and drink, satisfies the soul

Desire to see the lost come to know Jesus the way he does