



**THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

ISAIAH 40:5

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude                                      *See Amid the Winter's Snow*                                      Raymond H. Haan

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise      *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*                                      ANTIOCH

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

† The Call to Worship                                      Revelation 21:3-5                                      Mr. Cooper

Minister:                      And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

**People:**                      **“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.**

Minister:                      He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

**People:**                      **And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”**

† The Hymn No. 164                                      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*                                      AZMON

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† *Congregation, please stand as able*

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- † 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 Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Morning Prayers

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts, confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

### The Silent, Personal, Prayer of Confession

### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**



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The Hymn of Preparation No. 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*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

BRAND NEW

Mr. Curles

1 Peter 3:8-15a

† The Hymn No. 598

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

† 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. **AMEN.**

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

† The Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

# LORD'S DAY VESPERS

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

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*In the Sanctuary*—INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

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

Scripture Calls Us to Worship Mr. Curles

Gathering Hymn No. 44 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

Opening Prayer

The Responsive Reading Psalm 34 Page 796 in the *Trinity Hymnal*

Hymn Sing

The Litany: The Holy Spirit (see pages 7-8)

*Children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Evening Lesson 1 Samuel 5:1-5  
Page 292 in the Pew Bible

Homily “The End of Ourselves” Mr. Cooper

Closing Hymn No. 94 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION  
(stanzas 1 and 4)

The Benediction of God's Blessing and the Congregation's AMEN

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The Litany: The Holy Spirit

O Creator Spirit; Lord and Giver of life and light; Comforter, Sanctifier, and Guide of the souls of men:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

Spirit of wisdom, infinite, immortal, and unsearchable, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have compassion on our ignorance and lead us by Thy kindly light onward into truth:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

Spirit of love and perfect service, given beyond measure unto Jesus Christ our Savior, manifested in His sinless life, His heavenly teaching, and His redeeming death, and glorified in His resurrection, we open our hearts to receive Thy grace:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

Thou whom the Father is more ready to give than earthly parents are to give good gifts unto their children; Thou whom Christ hath promised to send unto His disciples, come to us, abide in us, and sanctify our souls by truth and love:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

By the inspiration Thou hast given to Thy holy prophets in all ages; by the guidance Thou hast granted to those in doubt and trouble; by the courage Thou hast restored to the fearful and the strength Thou hast imparted to the weak; by the comfort Thou hast bestowed upon the sorrowful and the hope Thou hast kindled in sad hearts, have mercy on us and supply all our needs:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

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From pride and vainglory; from self-will and obstinacy; from shallow thoughts and hasty judgments; from impure desires and unkind purposes; from envy, malice, and all uncharitableness; from every wicked way and evil wish, deliver and save us by Thine indwelling grace:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

In the growth of wisdom and the increase of love; in loyalty to the truth as Thou givest us to see it, and in deepening good will toward our fellow men; in honesty and honor, in cheerful labor and true gladness of heart, make Thy presence felt within us, and enable us to grow into the likeness of Christ our Lord:

**Hear us and help us, we beseech Thee.**

By the promise of the Almighty to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst visit our nation with divine favor. Uphold, defend, and guide the President and all in authority; unite our hearts in the love of country; and make the land which Thou hast blessed a blessing to the world. Promote among all nations the brotherhood of man; cause war to cease and violence to vanish; bring the whole human family together in the bond of amity and grant us all a place in that kingdom which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**O Thou who art one with the Father and the Son: hear us and help us and dwell in us for ever. Amen.**