

# Sunday, February 28, 2010

## Reflections

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” - John 4:23-24

God will hear His people at the beginning of their prayers if the condition of their heart is ready for it. -C. H. Spurgeon

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## Sunday Worship Service Participants

### February 28

Greeter - Allison Wakefield

Childcare Workers - Aaron Brooks and Paula Townsend

Scripture Reading - Matthew Demeusy

### March 7

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Steve Eng

Scripture Reading - Karen Thorp

### March 14

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Denise Kingsley

Scripture Reading - Laura Sterrett

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1-5, 22

*Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-*

*Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*People: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Number 76 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

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*\*Congregation standing*

## **Confession of Sin**

God of love, in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done,  
we have sinned in ignorance;  
we have sinned in weakness;  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us  
and renew our lives  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## **A Moment of Private Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

### **\* +Hymn of Thanks**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Number 457 in Trinity Hymnal

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*+Young children may be dismissed at this time.*

# Call to Renewal

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

## Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.

Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Piano

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all crea- tures here be -

low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

A - - - - - men.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

## **Prayer of Intercession**

# Call to Commitment

## Sermon

Sodom and Gomorrah: Judgment Day

Genesis 18-19 (ESV)

### *Genesis 18*

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent."  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

### *Genesis 19*

<sup>23</sup>The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. <sup>24</sup>Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. <sup>25</sup>And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. <sup>26</sup>But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

<sup>27</sup>And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. <sup>28</sup>And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.

<sup>29</sup>So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered

Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

**\*Hymn of Response**

O Father, You Are Sovereign  
Number 75 in Trinity Hymnal

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*\*Congregation standing*

## **\*Confession of Faith**

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the Prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*\*Congregation standing*

**\*Song of Benediction**

Come, Thou Almighty King (verse 4)  
Number 101 in Trinity Hymnal

To the great One in Three  
Eternal praises be, hence evermore!  
His sovereign majesty, may we in glory see  
And to eternity love and adore!

**\*Benediction**

**Announcements**

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*\*Congregation standing*

## Announcements\*

### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	4 p.m.	Alpha Marriage Course	Eng Home
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Claggett Home
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### Budget Information:

Eight Months Data June 2009 through January 2010

Regular Giving	\$46,788.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$6,980.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$53,768.10
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$59,971.75
Budget	\$66,018.29
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$6,203.65)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$12,250.19)

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