



SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

Trinity Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever.
Amen.



Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation

Psalm 95:3-6

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Sung in Greek and English
 Congregation (English) and Children's Choirs (Greek)

Thavmasia chari, ti. Glykia pou. Esose eme
 Chamenos imoun, m' evrike kai me eleftherose

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 84:1-2, 8-12

Minister: How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Minister: Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

People: Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on Your anointed one.

Minister: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Minister: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;
 no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

People: Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in You.

Responsive Prayer

Leader: O Father, enlarge our hearts.

People: O Spirit, expand our vision.

Leader: O Christ, establish Your Kingdom among us and among all the people of the earth.

People: Be at work even now, O Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Trinity Song

(see page 5)

At the last stanza of Trinity Song, children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Homily

OUR SUFFERING AND CHRIST'S MISSION

Reverend Paul Hahn

Closing Prayer

Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be

(see page 6)

Benediction

Congregational Response

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken
 Let the world de - spise and leave me
 Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low Thee
 They have left my sa - vior too
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer



De - sti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken Thou from hence my all
 Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me, Thou art not like them
 Heaven's e - ter - nal days be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide



— shalt be Per - ish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
 — un - true Oh while thou dost smile u - pon me,
 — thee there Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,



All I've sought or hoped or known Yet how rich is my
 God of wis - dom, love and might Foes may hate and friends
 Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days Hope shall change to glad



— con - di - tion, God and heaven are still my own
 — dis - own me, Show thy face and all is bright
 — fru - i - tion, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Trinity Song

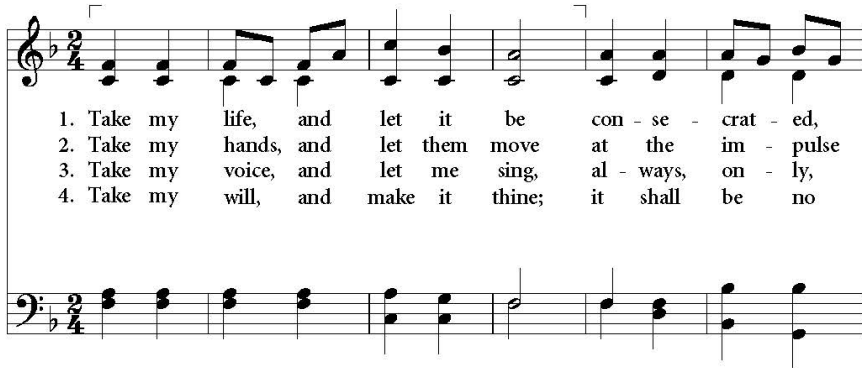


Ho - ly — Fa-ther, Son, and Spi - rit. Ho - ly com-mu - nion, Three-in-One.



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to-geth-er in ho-ly love.

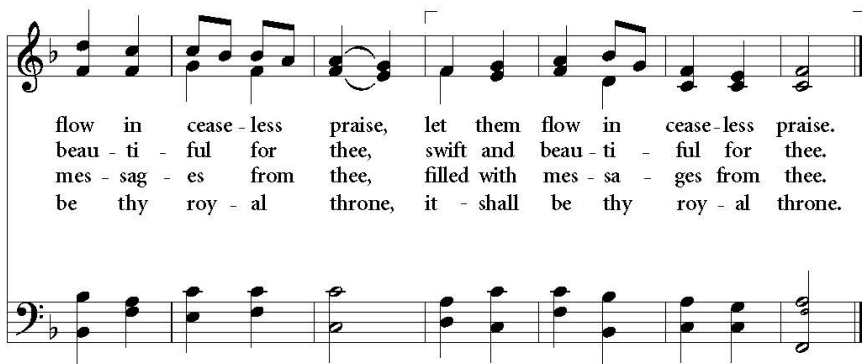
Take My Life, and Let It Be



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no



Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne, it - shall be thy roy - al throne.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
 MUSIC: Henri A. C. Malan, 1827; harm. Lowell Mason, 1841

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Romans 6:19

Making a Joyful Noise

Devotional Thoughts on Congregational Singing

*Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures,
and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.*

–Martin Luther

Commanded to Sing- What and How We Sing

We have much creative freedom in our music and in our songs, which is magnificently displayed in the diversity of sounds and styles expressed in the Church all over the world. But the Bible is more specific about what we should sing.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

One of the ways the Word of Jesus can dwell in us richly is for us to sing it to one another. Fundamentally, we are to sing about God, revealed in Christ and supremely in His suffering and His glory. The songs we sing should not brush along the surface, or pluck phrases out of context, or focus exclusively on ourselves, or describe Jesus in a way His Word does not (or even worse in contradiction to His Word). If you are singing as a member of the assembly of the saints, then don't just sing, but think. What are you singing? How does it point you to Jesus as He reveals Himself in His Word? Which lines in the lyrics flood you with joy because they move you to consider Christ afresh, and how will you sing them to others and back to yourself this week?

The Colossians passage above also speaks to how we sing. We are not to sing with a begrudging heart – “I sing because I must” – but rather “with thankfulness in your hearts to God”. We sing because He is marvelous. It is impossible to sing what you are excited about in your spirit and grateful for in your heart in a way that is tepid, tentative, and withdrawn. Deeply felt thankfulness produces a sound from our voices that is robust and enthusiastic. So as we obey the command to sing, we are (or should be) unleashing a congregational sound of conviction. If we aren't, our children or visitors looking on have every right to question whether what we are singing is truly important to us.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Chapter 2, pp 16-19.