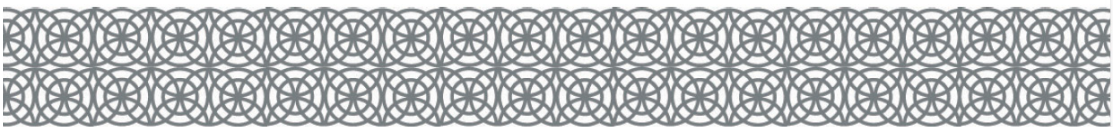




SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27, 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, so 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

Isaiah 55:1a: John 7:37-38

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Hymn

Jesus, Strong and Kind

(see page 6)

Children's Choirs and Congregation

Minister: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day.

People: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Minister: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and He is to be feared above all gods.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name; bring an offering and come before Him!

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

Minister: Tremble before Him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”

Evening Prayer

Hymn

Trinity Song

(see page 7)

Evening Scripture Lesson

Genesis 40:1-8; Acts 16:23-29

Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. 2 And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, 3 and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. 4 The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody. 5 And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. 6 When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. 7 So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in custody in his master’s house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” 8 They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

Homily

THE MISSIONS ARC
Genesis 40:1-8; Acts 16:23-29

Rev. Ronnie Stevens

Prayer

Hymn of Preparation

Behold the Lamb

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The Lord's Supper

Invitation to and the Fencing of the Table

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Trinity Presbyterian Church is for all those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, do now repent, endeavor to live a holy life, and have publicly professed their faith through membership in an evangelical church. Children who have not publicly confessed Christ by being received by the Session into communicant church membership should refrain from the Sacrament and learn by reverent observation; this even though they may already have received Christ privately. If you are not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and cup, but take Christ and receive Him in your heart as those around you receive the meal. Then, immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you have done so we can prepare you to receive communion next time as a child of God.

We 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 at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access**Words of Institution****Serving of the Meal**

Hymn *He Will Hold Me Fast* (see page 9)

Benediction

Congregational Response *He Will Hold Me Fast* (see page 9)

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Jesus Strong and Kind

Words and Music by
Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren,
Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Verses



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.

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No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

Chorus



For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and

12



night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.

15



Je - sus, strong and kind.

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.

Behold the Lamb



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re-pond,



and we re-mem - ber, the pro - mise made that all who
eat and re-mem - ber; The wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re-mem - ber, He drained death's cup that all may
and to re-mem - ber, our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this
steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
suf - fer - ing, we pro-claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace, a - round the tab - le of the King.
bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.
feast of heav'n a - round the tab - le of the King.

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at



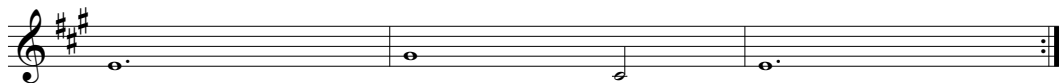
Chorus

fast.
 fast.
 last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.



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

Compelled to Sing

We are created to sing, commanded to sing, and, because of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, compelled to sing. Compelled is a strong and convicting word. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes “For Christ’s love compels us.” (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Our motivation to sing comes from so much more than ourselves – our likes, our comfort levels, our musical tastes and preferences. Intrinsically, it’s driven by the One who died and was raised. It is driven by a heartfelt desire to convey gospel truth to those of us who already know it and need to be refreshed and renewed by it, and to communicate it to those who don’t yet know, but who might be drawn to Christ through seeing and hearing people who clearly mean it because of the way that they sing about it.

Praise is prompted by – compelled by - the revelation of something glorious. The gospel is the revelation of the most glorious truth in history. Jesus came so that we might know Him, the truth, for “the truth will set you free” (John 8:32). We were slaves to sin, but Christ died for our sins and rose to give us new life (John 8:36; Rom 5:8). The gospel is a declaration of eternal freedom. It is a revelation that compels us to respond, and part of our response will be to sing.

Christ has broken every chain of sin that was tied around us and that we couldn’t even see until He opened our eyes to see them. And we were not just freed from something, we were freed for something – to glorify Him, to live the life God designed us to live, to know life in all its forever fullness. We sing because we are free to run from all that tore us apart and to run to all that makes us whole.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 3, pp 21-25.



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