



SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 13, 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

Psalm 95:1-6

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Hymn

This Is My Father's World

(see page 5)

Minister: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of His Name; make His praise glorious!

Minister: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your Name.

People: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

Minister: Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

People: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

Minister: I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

Minister: Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me.

People: I cried out to Him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue.

Minister: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

People: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

Evening Prayer

Responsive Prayer

Minister: O Lord of all things, may all creation praise You.

People: May we join in holy harmony with all that lives,

Minister: and moves,

People: and breathes,

Minister: and is. You alone are worthy

People: of adoration,

Minister: of praise,

People: of glory.

Minister: Our hearts overflow with gratitude when we gather with Your saints,

People: Proclaiming Your goodness and resolving to walk in Your ways.

Minister: O Lord, hear the cry of every heart.

People: O Christ, You have called us Your beloved.

Minister: For this we sing praise

People: and declare with all creation, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hymn Medley

Be Thou My Vision
Jesus Strong and Kind

(see page 6)
(see page 7)

At the last stanza of Jesus Strong and Kind, children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12:12-17

12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Homily

DO NOT GROW WEARY

Mr. Howell

Hebrews 12:12-17

1. A Community Exhortation: vv. 12-13

A. Strengthen: v. 12

B. Straighten: v. 13

2. A Crucial Effort: vv. 14-15

A. Promotion: v. 14

B. Prevention: v. 15

3. A Cautionary Tale: vv. 16-17

A. Contempt: v. 16

B. Consequences: v. 17

Closing Prayer

Hymn

Revelation 22:20

(see page 8)

Benediction

Congregational Response

Revelation 22:20

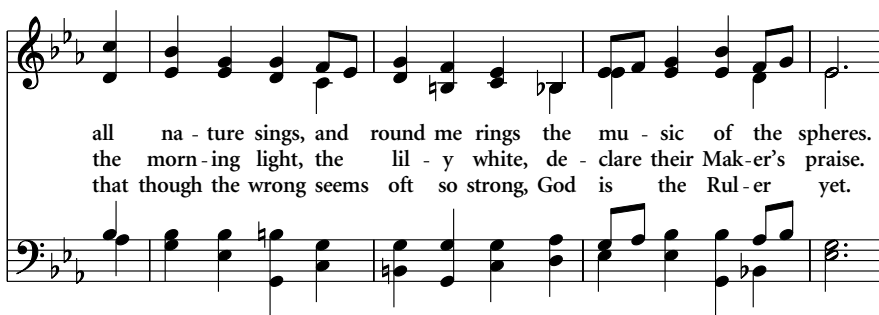
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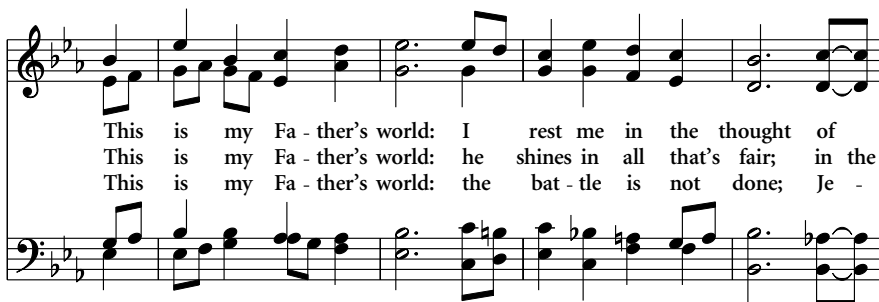
This Is My Father's World



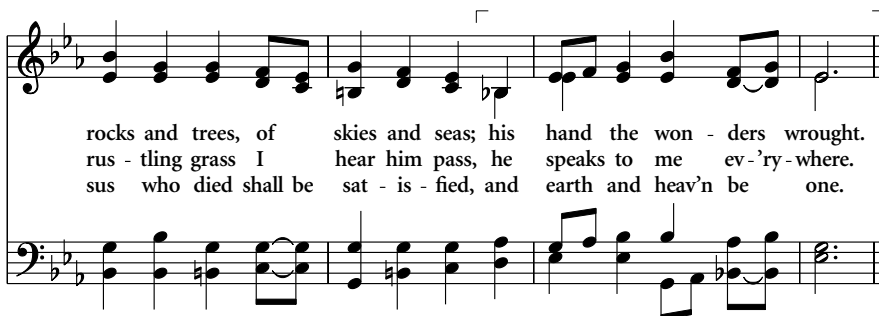
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 (Psalm 24:1)

MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

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Acts 4:24

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won; may I reach

else to me, save that thou art — thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres-ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Trad. Irish; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; arr. David Allen, 1986

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Philippians 3:7

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

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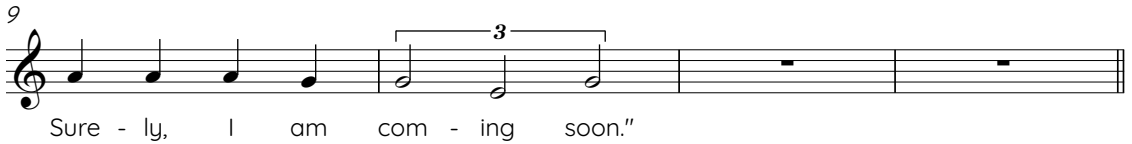
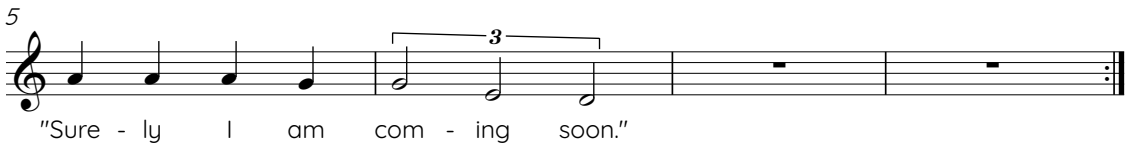
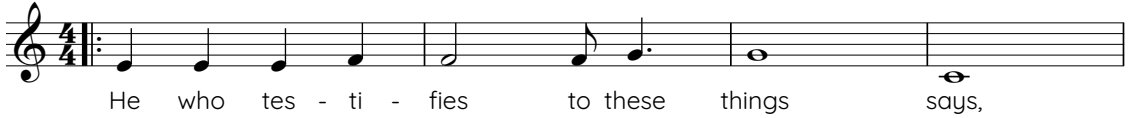
night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.

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Je - sus, strong and kind.

Revelation 22:20



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

Created to Sing - In His Image

We are creatures uniquely made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-28). We are designed to benefit from beauty in creativity. God made us to be powerfully engaged in our senses and memories to music. Songs have the power to prompt memory or transport us back to some other time and place. Our imagination is another aspect of the dignity we have been given by God. Music ventures into the inner corridors of our soul in ways that other things do not – it moves us deeply.

Echoing through our congregational singing is the communication the divine Author has written into this world. Singing together organizes notes and words in beautiful ways to shine God's dazzling truths into the relativistic grays of our culture. It is an incredible thing that we, the created ones, have been given a way to communicate with the One Who made us and His ears are open and listening as we lift our voices.

As we sing to God and about God together with the people of God, we reflect the truth that we were designed for community both with God and with each other. When His Church sings together with voice upon voice like arms linked across a room, across the globe and across history, we are doing what we were designed to – use our God-given voices to sing praises together to the One Who gave us voices.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 1 pp 5-8.

CORPORATE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP is a dialogue between God and His people. It is what we say and do when we come into the presence of God as His people in community. Because we were made for life in communion with God, this dialogue with God in worship is life giving to us as His people. “You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11.

In worship we not only give God His due praise, we find that it transforms us into the glorious humanity God intended from the beginning. In worship, we are “re-imaged” into the likeness of Christ Who is the very Imprint of the glory of God. Worship is not just a meeting, it is service where we are called to actively participate in ascribing glory to God through listening, praying, singing, speaking, and the sacraments.

- *Because we believe **worship should be shaped by God’s word**, we are committed to worship that is God-centered, biblically based, simple, and reliant on the means of grace.*
- *Because we believe **worship should be life-giving**, we are committed to worship that is vibrant, exciting, meaningful, filled with the Holy Spirit, authentic, and inspirational.*
- *Because we believe **worship should be engaging**, we are committed to worship that is relevant, participatory, culturally appropriate, and winsome.*
- *Because we believe that **worship should be rooted in traditions that unite us with the church across generations**, we are committed to worship that is reformed, Presbyterian, and historically informed.*

We are committed to morning and evening worship because it is both right and good. It is right because it follows the biblical pattern of worship God’s people have followed since the earliest days. It is good because the different styles of the two services work together to develop the whole person (intellectually, emotionally, behaviorally) into the men and women God wants us to be. They are different but complementary in their form, style, and music.

Evening worship is on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The form and style of our evening service is less structured than the morning and tends to emphasize the nearness of God. In addition to the sermon, evening worship includes extended times of singing, testimonies of God’s grace from members, prayers from God’s people, and responsive readings. The style of the evening service is more relaxed and informal. Music on Sunday evenings may include traditional hymns but mostly draws from sources such as Townend/Getty, Sovereign Grace Music, Indelible Grace, southern gospel hymns, and praise and worship choruses. We are committed to music that is theologically sound and musically appropriate for worship, and the church is blessed today with a richness of congregational hymns being written by living hymnwriters. Ensembles of piano/keyboard, guitar, cello, and other instruments normally lead our music at evening worship.

We believe that the tradition and transcendence of morning worship paired with the immanence and warmth of evening worship combine to shape corporate dialogue and fellowship with our Lord that is both foundationally strong and emotionally authentic. We hope you will join us for BOTH morning and evening worship.



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