



SUNDAY EVENING

# Vespers



**CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 22, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

# Lord's Day Vespers

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EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

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## 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

*The Holy City*

Stephen Adams

Arr. Stephen DeCesare

Laura Nabholz, *clarinet*; Isabella Woodham, *flute*

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Psalm 22:9

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

### Anthem

*Festival Sanctus*

John Leavitt

Montgomery Christian Youth Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth  
Hosanna Deo Hosanna in excelsis!  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Dei.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
Gloria tua!  
Hosanna Deo Hosanna in excelsis!

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord, God of hosts  
Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory  
Glory to you!  
Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 34:1-9

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!

**People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Minister: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!**

Minister: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**People: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

## The Opening Prayer

## Responsive Prayer

**People: Father, may every word on my tongue be one of thanks to You;**

Minister: Every thought in my mind a meditation on Your goodness.

**People: All I am,**

Minister: All I have,

**People: Is from Your hand.**

Minister: I was just a beggar at the door of grace,

**People: But You welcomed me in;**

Minister: Heard my story;

**People: Offered me a seat at Your table;**

Minister: Commanded the host of Heaven to watch over me.

**People: Made me a permanent guest in the house of God**

Minister: A beneficiary of infinite kindness.

**People: In Your presence Lord, I lack nothing. Amen and Amen.**

*After the responsive prayer, children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Have courage my soul and let us journey on.  
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.  
The storm is passing over, Hallelu!

## Evening Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13:13-14

13 Therefore let us go to Him outside the camp and bear the reproach He endured.  
14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the City that is to come.

## Homily

**LOOKING FOR THE CITY TO COME**

Mr. Howell

Hebrews 13:13-14

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*A sermon outline can be found on page 7.*

## Anthem

*Father, Most Merciful**Cesar Franck*Baillie Johnson, *cello*

Father, most merciful, Lord, all compassionate,  
O loving Father, Thee will we ever praise!  
For through Thy tenderness, Thou hast redeemed us,  
Father, Father, Thou hast redeemed us.

Help us to honor Thee, teach us to worship Thee,  
Show us the way, the way of holiness and truth,  
That in temptation's hour, in time of bitterness,  
We may find comfort, comfort and strength in Thee  
That we may have comfort, comfort, hope and strength in Thee.

# The Lord's Supper

## Invitation to and the Fencing of the Table

*Participation requires your reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your special love to all Christians.*

## Confession of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

**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

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

*(see page 5)*

## Benediction

## Postlude

# Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re -  
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us

ceive the food of your ho - ly Word.  
 rev - - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
 grasp the heights of your plans\_\_ for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep\_\_ in us shape and  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn\_\_ of time, that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the  
 ra - - - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
 e - - - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma -  
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by

acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all your  
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; let their  
 Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the

pur - - - po - ses\_\_ for your glo - - ry.  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled with your glo - - ry.

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

## Refrain



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther.

## Verse



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be

2. In the dark of

3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God. We are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn. My soul be not a - fraid; for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful One. and \_ from the



sumed by the flood. Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
morn - ing, O how long. O God of Ja - cob be \_ my strength.  
gar - den to the grave. Bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.

## LOOKING FOR THE CITY TO COME

Hebrews 13:13-14

### I. THE EXHORTATION: v. 13

A. The Duty: “Let us go to Him...”

B. The Manner: “and bear the reproach...”

### II. THE ENCOURAGEMENT: v. 14

A. The Present State Declared: “We have no lasting city...”

B. The Present State Described: “But we seek the City...”