



SUNDAY EVENING

# Vespers



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 5, 2022

# 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

## Call to Worship

Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, He Who made Heaven and Earth!

## Hymn Medley

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

(see page 4)  
(see page 5)

*At the last stanza of 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing!

**People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to  
Him; bless His Name!

**People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His  
faithfulness to all generations.**

## Evening Prayer

### Corporate Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

**People: O Lord, the Father of Light, with Whom there is no variable or shadow of  
turning;**

Minister: Look in mercy upon us, Your sinful and wayward children;

**People: Direct the eyes of our faith unto You;**

Minister: That we may receive a heavenly illumination through Your Word and Spirit;

**People: And walk securely amid the shadows of this mortal life.**

Minister: Pardon our sins, and give us such a vision of the truth of Jesus;

**People: That darkness may be driven from our hearts;**

Minister: And we may render unto You songs of praise;

**People: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Hymn Medley

*Standing on the Promises*

*(see page 6)*

*There Is Power in the Blood*

*(see page 7)*

*Victory in Jesus*

*(see pages 8)*

16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Homily

**DOING GOOD AND SHARING WITH OTHERS**

Mr. Howell

Hebrews 13:16

I. A Note of Connection

II. Duties Prescribed

A. To Do Good

B. And to Share

III. Guiding Motive

Closing Prayer

Hymn

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*(see page 9)*

Benediction

**Congregational Response** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee (Chorus)*

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

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-last - ing arms; What a bless - ed-ness, what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 -last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 -last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

## CHORUS

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-last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
 -last - ing arms.  
 -last - ing arms.

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Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je sus, just to take him at his word;

just to rest up - on his prom ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Refrain*

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the verse. The second system contains the second line of the verse. The third system contains the third line of the verse, with the word 'Refrain' written below the bass staff. The fourth system contains the first line of the refrain. The fifth system contains the second line of the refrain. The sixth system contains the third line of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the sixth system.

VERSE

# Standing On The Promises



1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King! Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His  
 2. Stand -ing on the prom - is -es that can - not fail, when the howl-ing storms of doubt and  
 3. Stand -ing on the prom - is -es of Christ, the Lord. bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by



prais - es ring; "Glo - ry in the high - est!" I will shout and sing,  
 fear as - sail, by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 love's strong cord; ● - ver-com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's Sword,

CHORUS



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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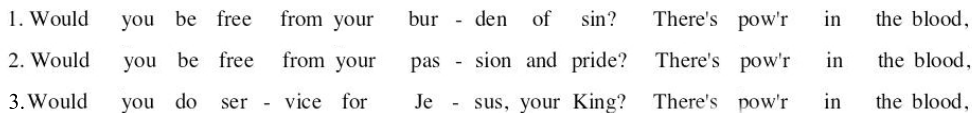


stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,



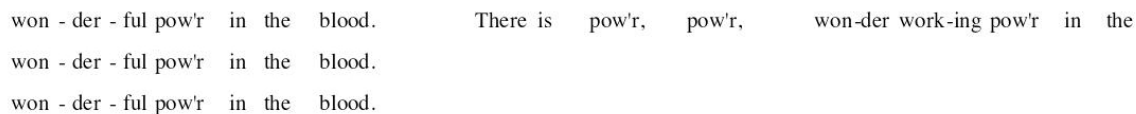
stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

# There Is Power In The Blood



pow'r	in	the blood;	Would	you	o'er	e - vil	a	vic - to - ry	win?	There's
pow'r	in	the blood;	Come	for	a	cleans - ing	to	Cal - va - ry's	tide.	There's
pow'r	in	the blood;	Would	you	live	dai - ly	His	prais - es	to sing?	There's

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blood of the Lamb. There is pow'r, pow'r,

won - der work - ing pow'r in the pre - cious blood of the Lamb.



# Victory in Jesus



1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from  
 2. I heard a-bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re -  
 3. I heard a-bout a man - sion He has built for me in

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glo - ry, how He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like  
 - veal - ing, how He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to  
 glo - ry, and I heard a-bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal

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me. I heard a-bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a -  
 see. And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken  
 sea; A - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion

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-ton - ing, then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry. O  
 spir - it,\* and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.  
 sto - ry; And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

## CHORUS

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vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and

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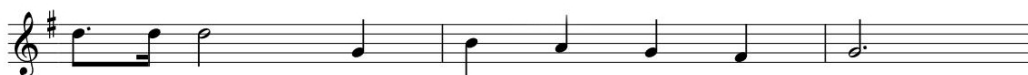


bought me with His re - deem - ing blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and

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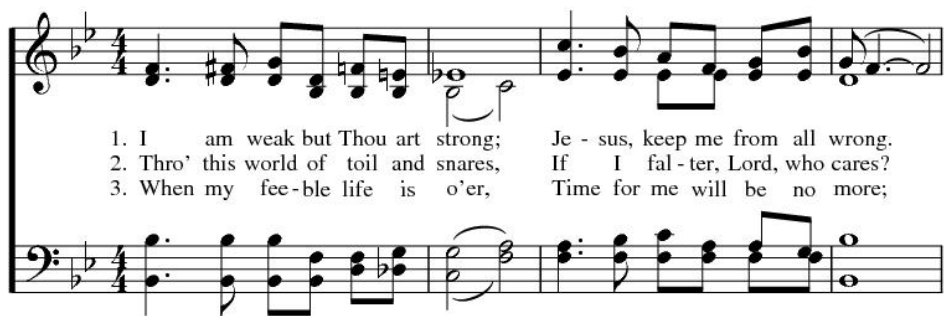


all my love is due Him. He plunged me to



vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee

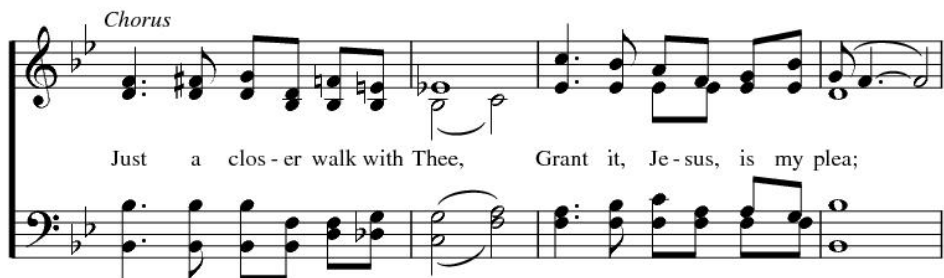


1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong.  
2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

*Chorus*



Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;



Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## **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 and Designed to Sing**

We are a singing people because it is how God has created us. We are all singers. We may not all be very good singers, but we are all created to be singers nonetheless (Psalm 139:13-14). God designed our psyche for singing. He gave us minds to judge pitch and lyric; to think through the concepts we sing; to engage the intellect, imagination, and memory, and to remember what is set to a tune. Almost all of us can remember more lyrics set to music than memorized Scripture. God has formed our hearts to be moved with depth of feeling and a whole range of emotion as the melody-carried truths sink in, convicting us of the Lord's nature, and our own.

Christian singing begins with the heart, not on the lips (Ephesians 5:19). He is far less concerned with your tunefulness than your integrity. Singing with your whole heart may not manifest itself in loud, or at times even audible singing, but it is the bare minimum of what our Lord requires. If we view singing in worship as communing with our Lord, we will not settle for mumbling, merely listening, or performing for our neighbors in the pew. Instead, we will be so thrilled with the beauty of His holiness, the truths of the text, and the remembrance of His grace that we will forsake our image and only seek to glorify Him. Whatever your ability is, bring it all before the Lord and enjoy Him through this most gracious and beautiful gift of communicating with Him!

God does not mind how well you sing, but that you sing as part of the ultimate choir – the congregation. No audition is required and everyone can be and should be in it. The true beauty of such a congregational choir is that our voices and our hearts are knit together in praise. It is exhilarating to be part of a body of believers singing truth together. Your voice may not be of a professional standard, but it is of a confessional standard.

We are all singers. Some have talents that allow them to sing with beautiful tone and good pitch, while others have talents to sing with their soul. What a beautiful sound we all make as singers to our heavenly Father's ears as we join our voices in worship.

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



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