



SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 19, 2022

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

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

(see pages 3-4)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29:3-11

Minister: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Minister: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Minister: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forever. May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Evening Prayer

Responsive Prayer

People: Living Word, enthroned upon grateful praise, glorified by hosts of Heaven, seen and unseen - creation testifies to Your glory.

Minister: Bless the Father, O my soul – thundering voice of creation; Artist of order, reality is upheld by the word of Your power.

People: Bless the Son, O my soul – Heaven’s ascended Lord. A bruised reed You did not break, but with a loud voice You cried “It is finished,” and the foundations of the earth were shaken; creation trembled before its King.

Minister: Bless the Spirit, O my soul - Wind of God’s glory among us; Tongue of fire in our midst; Tamer of desolate lands and wayward hearts.

People: Father, Son, Spirit: Living Word – Above us. Below us. Around us. Within us. Strengthen our hearts today; lead us in the path of peace. In the Holy Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn Medley

<i>Isaiah 43</i>	<i>(see pages 5-6)</i>
<i>Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord</i>	<i>(see page 7)</i>
<i>On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand</i>	<i>(see page 8)</i>

At the last stanza of “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand,” children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13:18-19

Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Homily

PRAY FOR US
Hebrews 13:18-19

Mr. Howell

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A sermon outline can be found on page 9.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response

Revelation 22:20-21

He Who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

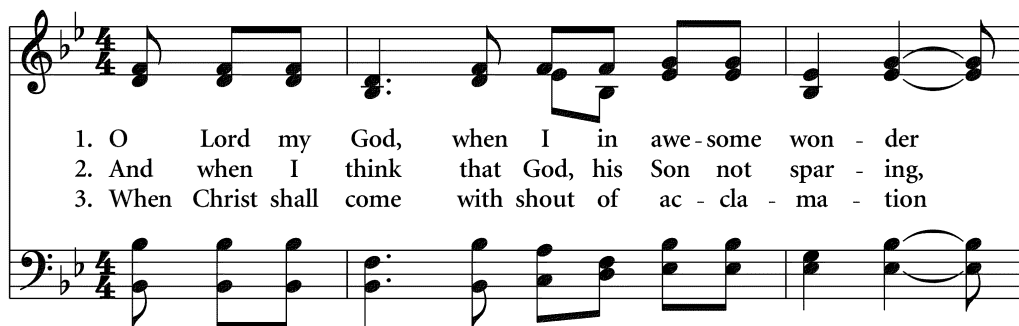
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Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Amen. Come Lord Jesus, come.

Postlude

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
2. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

This system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

This system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The bass staff has a half note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

This system of musical notation concludes the refrain. The treble staff has a half note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a half note B5. The bass staff has a half note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

ISAIAH 43



1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.



And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For
And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For



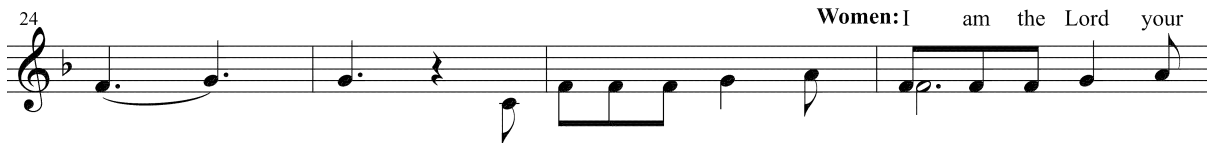
I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.



Women: I am the Lord your God _____
Men: For I am the Lord your God _____ I am the Lord Your



Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your



Women: I am the Lord your
Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God _____

28 God _____ God

I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

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Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Women:** Do not **Men:** I am the Lord

35 fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

O Give Thanks (Psalm 107)



1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth



so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
 bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
 - ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -



know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
 to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
 - we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
 - bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -



- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
 - bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
 - tion and He called - us by One our names and the God
 - lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God



of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
 of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
 of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
 of com - fort took a - way our fears.



for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -



- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast



of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, And
2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath Can
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And



cast a wish-ful eye To Can - aan's fair and
 one e - ter - nal day; There God the Son for -
 reach that health-ful shore; Sick - ness, sor - row,
 be for-ev - er blessed? When shall I see my



hap - py land, Where my pos - ses - sions lie.
 ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a - way.
 pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.
 Fa - ther's face, And in His bos - om rest?



I am bound I am bound I am bound for Prom-ised land,



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PRAY FOR US
Hebrews 13:18-19

I. Request for Prayer: v. 18a

II. Basis of Confidence: v. 18b

A. His Manner

B. His Confidence

III. Pressing the Request: v. 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

Scripture contains many exhortations to sing to God. Repeatedly, we are encouraged to be a singing people with more than 400 references to singing in the Bible and at least 50 direct commands to sing. Just as we are told to study the Scriptures, to pray, to give, to take communion, so we are commanded to sing with the saints. It is interesting and mysterious that this particular activity is commanded, both within and outside of worship. God's commands are good for us; there are so many spiritual benefits we receive from singing and 'making melody in your heart' (Ephesians 5:19).

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. (Psalm 149:1)

The command is not to sing just to ourselves or by ourselves, but as part of "the assembly of the saints" – that is, in the company of other believers and with your church. It is not a metaphorical, or optional, or seasonal suggestion, but a clear directive from our Lord and Savior to sing as a regular part of our worship life, primarily and especially with other believers. Just as we are called to gather together every Sunday for worship, so we are called to sing when in His presence. If we neglect singing, corporately or individually, we neglect communing with the Lord, and with His saints.

Within any assembly, we may sing songs that we may not have chosen because they are not our favorite, to arrangements or with accompaniments that we may not have chosen. On such occasions, we need to be willing to lay down our own tastes for the good of the wider assembly. For as long as we have the health and the ability, we are each called to sing with the people of God, and to love the people of God enough to sing; dying to ourselves and glorifying the Lord in the process.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 2, pp 13-15.



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