



SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 4, 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, 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

Book of Common Worship (1946)

The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him worship Him in Spirit and in truth. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

(see page 4)

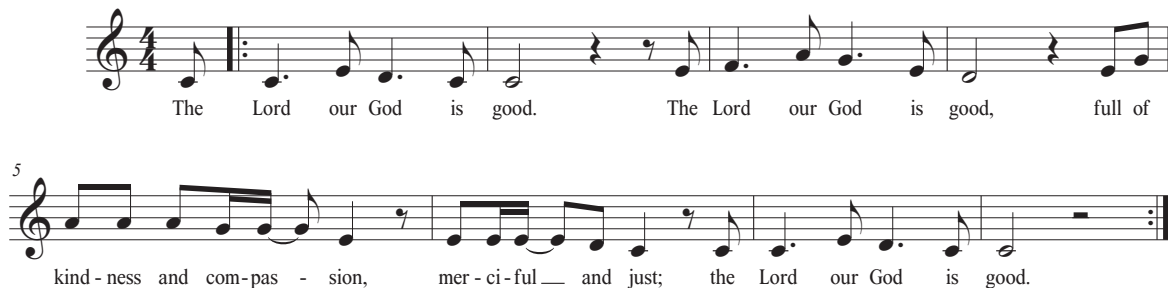
Evening Prayer

Congregational Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, we beseech You, from all our offenses; deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength.
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, Amen.**

Prayer Response

The Lord Our God Is Good



Psalm Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 135 (selected verses)

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise the Name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

Minister: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to His Name, for it is pleasant!

People: Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in Heaven and on Earth, in the seas and all deeps.

Minister: He it is Who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, Who makes lightning for the rain and brings forth the wind from His storehouses.

People: Your Name, O LORD, endures forever, Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

Minister: For the LORD will vindicate His people and have compassion on His servants.

People: O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!

Minister: O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

People: Blessed be the LORD from Zion, He Who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

Hymn Medley

Jesus Strong and Kind

(see page 5)

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

(see page 6)

He Leadeth Me

(see pages 7-8)

At the final stanza of "He Leadeth Me," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

1 Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father Who is in Heaven. 2 Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. 5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father Who is in secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. 7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Homily

SAY WHAT YOU NEED TO SAY

Mr. Cooper

Matthew 6:1-8

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Sermon outline on page 9.

Benediction

Congregational Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
“All glory to Jesus alone!”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see.
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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. *go to verse two*
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.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1. Je - sus I _____ my _____ cross _____ have ta - ken _____
 2. Let the world _____ de - spise _____ and _____ leave me _____
 3. Man may trou - ble _____ and _____ dis - tress me, _____
 4. Haste thee on _____ from _____ grace _____ to _____ glo - ry, _____



All to leave _____ and _____ fol - - low _____ Thee _____
 They have left _____ my _____ sa - - vior _____ too _____
 'Twill but drive _____ me _____ to _____ Thy _____ breast.
 Armed by faith _____ and _____ winged _____ by _____ prayer



De - sti - tute, de - spised, _____ for - sa - ken Thou from hence my all
 Hu - man hearts and looks _____ de - ceive me, Thou art not like them
 Life with tri - als hard _____ may press me; Heav'n will bring me swee -
 Heaven's e - ter - nal days _____ be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide



_____ shalt be _____ Per - ish ev - ery fond _____ am - bi - tion,
 _____ un - true Oh while thou dost smile _____ u - pon _____ me,
 _____ - ter _____ rest. Oh, 'tis not in _____ grief _____ to _____ harm me
 _____ thee there Soon shall close thy earth - ly _____ mis - sion,




All I've sought or _____ hoped or _____ known Yet how rich is _____ my
 God of wis - dom, love _____ and _____ might Foes may hate and friends
 While Thy love is _____ left _____ to _____ me; _____ Oh, 'twere not in _____ joy
 Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days _____ Hope shall change to _____ glad




_____ con - di - tion, God and heaven are still _____ my _____ own
 _____ dis - own _____ me, Show Thy face and all _____ is _____ bright
 _____ to _____ charm me, Were that joy un - mixed with _____ Thee.
 _____ fru - i - tion, Faith to sight and prayer to _____ praise.


He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!




1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed thought! O words with heav'n ly
2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times when E - den's
3. And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the



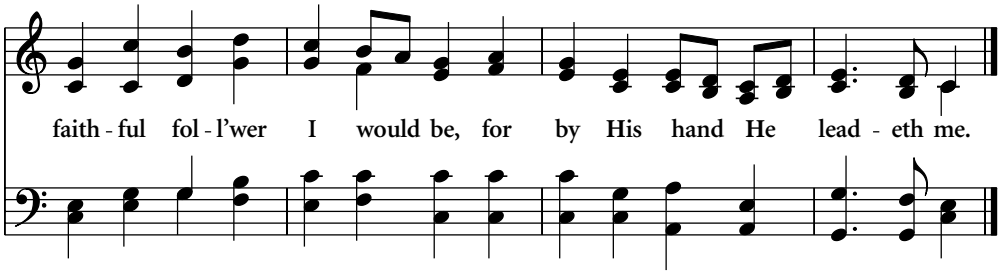
com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still
bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still
vic - t'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



Refrain
'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
'tis His hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, He
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



lead - eth me; by His own hand He lead - eth me: His



faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by His hand He lead - eth me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by His hand He lead - eth me." The score ends with a double bar line.

SAY WHAT YOU NEED TO SAY

Matthew 6:1-8

I. Mercy

A. Assumed (When you give...)

B. Behavior & Motivation

II. Prayer

A. Assumed (When you pray...)

B. Eloquent

C. Earnest

III. So What?

A. Our Reputation

B. Our Status Before God

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- What and How We Sing

We have much creative freedom in our music and in our songs, which is magnificently displayed in the diversity of sounds and styles expressed in the Church all over the world. But the Bible is more specific about what we should sing.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16).

One of the ways the Word of Jesus can dwell in us richly is for us to sing it to one another. Fundamentally, we are to sing about God, revealed in Christ and supremely in His suffering and His glory. The songs we sing should not brush along the surface, or pluck phrases out of context, or focus exclusively on ourselves, or describe Jesus in a way His Word does not (or even worse in contradiction to His Word). If you are singing as a member of the assembly of the saints, then don't just sing, but think. What are you singing? How does it point you to Jesus as He reveals Himself in His Word? Which lines in the lyrics flood you with joy because they move you to consider Christ afresh, and how will you sing them to others and back to yourself this week?

The Colossians passage above also speaks to how we sing. We are not to sing with a begrudging heart – “I sing because I must” – but rather “with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” We sing because He is marvelous. It is impossible to sing what you are excited about in your spirit and grateful for in your heart in a way that is tepid, tentative, and withdrawn. Deeply felt thankfulness produces a sound from our voices that is robust and enthusiastic. So, as we obey the command to sing, we are (or should be) unleashing a congregational sound of conviction. If we aren't, our children or visitors looking on have every right to question whether what we are singing is truly important to us.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Chapter 2, pp 16-19.



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WIC FALL EVENT

Tuesday, September 13, in Trinity Hall
with guest speaker **Lydia Brownback**
Dinner at 5:30 p.m. | Program at 6:30 p.m.



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