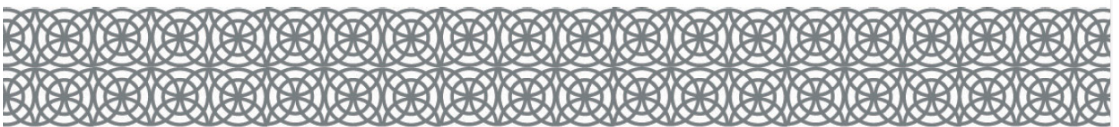


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 16, 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 99:1, 3, 5

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! Let them praise His great and awesome Name!
Holy is He! Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(see page 4)

Congregational Prayer – Evening Vespers Meditation

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Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

Trinity Song

Sandra McCracken



Ho - ly Fa-ther, Son, and Spi-rit. Ho - ly com-mu-nion, Three-in-One.



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta-tion. Bind us to-geth-er in ho-ly love.

Sing each line twice, then women sing first line while men sing the second at the same time.

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 51:1-4; 7-12

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Minister: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Minister: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Minister: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Minister: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Hymn Medley

God, Be Merciful to Me

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His Mercy Is More

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

(see page 7)

At the last stanza of "Christ Our Hope In Life and Death" children are dismissed to attend their classes.

20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this One was made a priest with an oath by the One Who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” 22 This makes Jesus the Guarantor of a better covenant. 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. 25 Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever.

Homily**Christ’s Superior Priesthood**

Mr. Howell

Hebrews 7:20-28

1. Superior by Oath: vv. 20-22
2. Superior for Eternity: vv. 23-25
3. Superior in Sacrifice: vv. 26-27
4. Superior to Perfection: v. 28

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small,
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

WORDS: Walter C. Smith, 1867

MUSIC: Welsh hymn tune, from John Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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1 Timothy 1:17

God, Be Merciful To Me (ps. 51)



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, _____
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, _____
3. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust _____



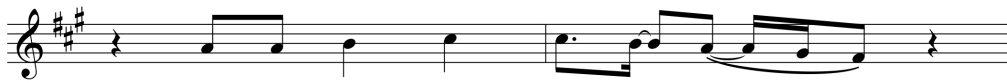
On thy grace I rest my plea;
Grief and guilt my soul op - press;
By thy wrath and judge - ment just,



Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, _____
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace _____
Let my con - trite heart re - joice _____



Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
And pro - voked thee to thy face;
And in glad - ness hear thy voice;



Wash me, Make me pure with-in, _____
I con - fess thy judge - ment just, _____
From my sins O hide thy face, _____



Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
Blot them out in bound - less grace.

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
we - lcomes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,

Repeat refrain last time



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, Matt Papa

F F(sus4) F F(sus4) F Dm C

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ - a - lone.
 2. What truth can calm the troub - led soul? God is good, God is good.
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives, Christ, he lives!"

C(sus4) F C/E Dm Bb F/C C F

What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
 Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
 And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/A Bb

Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com - mand?
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed,

F/C C Dm Bb F/C C F

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the shore, the rock of Christ:
 And we will feast in end - less joy When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

F Dm7 Bb F C/E Dm F/A Bb

O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le -

F/A Bb F/A C Bb Dm7 C F

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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