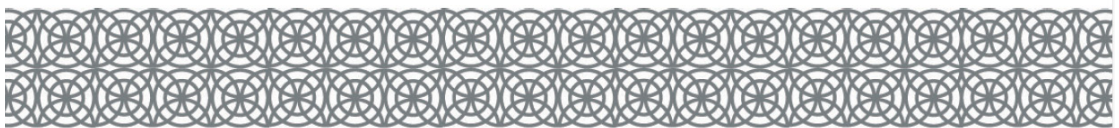


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 23, 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 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 in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD! May the LORD, Who made Heaven and earth, bless you from Zion!

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(see page 6)

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 119:129-136

- Minister: Your testimonies are wonderful, O Lord; therefore my soul keeps them.
People: The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- Minister: I open my mouth and pant, because I long for Your commandments.
People: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your Name.
- Minister: Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
People: Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep Your precepts.
- Minister: Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.
People: My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep Your law.

Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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Congregational Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Worship (1946)

- Minister: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses.
- People: You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways;**
- Minister: in wasting Your gifts;
- People: in forgetting Your love;**
- Minister: in blindness and hardness of our hearts toward those in suffering and want;
- People: in indifference toward justice and mercy;**
- Minister: in arrogance and all the evil ways of our selfishness and pride.
- People: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**
- Minister: According to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out our transgressions.
- People: Create in us a clean heart, O God.**
- Minister: Renew a right spirit within us.
- People: Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**
- Minister: Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; and uphold us with Your Spirit;
- People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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-gether in ho-ly love.

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

At "Trinity Song," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 8:1-6

1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, 2 a Minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this Priest also to have something to offer. 4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." 6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Homily

The More Excellent Ministry of the Heavenly High Priest

Mr. Howell

Hebrews 8:1-6

- 1. His Present Residence: v. 1
- 2. His Heavenly Sanctuary: vv. 2-5
- 3. His Superior Covenant: v. 6

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.

Hymn of Preparation

Behold the Lamb

(see page 8)

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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(see page 9)

Benediction

Congregational Response *We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Chorus)*

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
 thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 fore him! Let the A - MEN sound from his peo - ple a -

near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 been, grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 do, if with his love he be - friend - thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Come, Ye Sinners



1. Come, ye ___ sin - ners, ___ poor and need - y,
2. Come, ye ___ thirst - y, ___ come, and wel ___ come,
3. Come, ye ___ wea - ry, ___ heav - y la - den,
4. I will a - rise and ___ go to Je - sus;



weak and ___ wound - ed, ___ sick and sore;
God's free ___ boun - ty ___ glo - ri - fy;
lost and ___ ru - ined ___ by the fall;
He will em - brace me ___ in His arms;



Je - sus read - y stands to save ___ you,
true be - lief ___ and true re - pent - ance,
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
in the arms of my dear Sav - ior,



full of pit - y, ___ love and pow'r.
ev - ery grace that ___ brings you nigh.
you will nev - er ___ come at all.
O, there are ___ ten ___ thou - sand charms.

Words: Joseph Hart, 1759

Music: Southern Harmony, 1835

Behold the Lamb



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond,



and we re - mem - ber, the pro - mise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; The wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber, He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber, our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this
steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace, a - round the tab - le of the King.
bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.
feast of heav'n a - round the tab - le of the King.

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.

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 to Sing - In His Image

We are creatures uniquely made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-28). We are designed to benefit from beauty in creativity. God made us to be powerfully engaged in our senses and memories to music. Songs have the power to prompt memory or transport us back to some other time and place. Our imagination is another aspect of the dignity we have been given by God. Music ventures into the inner corridors of our soul in ways that other things do not – it moves us deeply.

Echoing through our congregational singing is the communication the divine Author has written into this world. Singing together organizes notes and words in beautiful ways to shine God's dazzling truths into the relativistic grays of our culture. It is an incredible thing that we, the created ones, have been given a way to communicate with the One Who made us and His ears are open and listening as we lift our voices.

As we sing to God and about God together with the people of God, we reflect the truth that we were designed for community both with God and with each other. When His Church sings together with voice upon voice like arms linked across a room, across the globe and across history, we are doing what we were designed to – use our God-given voices to sing praises together to the One Who gave us voices.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 1 pp 5-8.



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