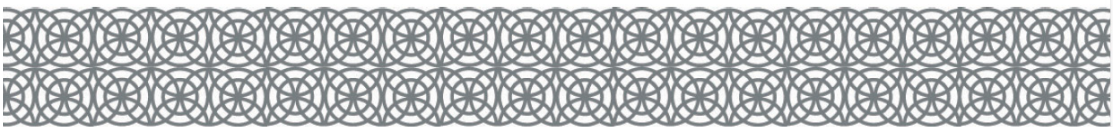


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6, 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

Revelation 21:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Hymn

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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Anthem

Almost Home

Montgomery Christian Youth Choir

Don't drop a single anchor, we're almost home.
Through every toil and danger, we're almost home.
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone?
No stopping now, we're almost home.

*Chorus: Almost home, we're almost home.
So press on toward that blessed shore,
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home.*

That promised land is calling, we're almost home.
And not a tear shall fall then, we're almost home.
Make ready now your souls for that Kingdom come.
No turning back, we're almost home. (*chorus*)

This journey ours together, we're almost home.
Unto that great forever, we're almost home.
What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne.
Come faint of heart, we're almost home. (*chorus*)

This life is just a vapor, we're almost home.
That sun is setting yonder, we're almost home.
Take courage, for this darkness shall break to dawn.
Oh, lift your eyes, we're almost home. (*chorus*)

Evening Prayer

Minister: Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son, Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who faithfully love You.

People: **We give thanks to You, O Lord, for all Your saints and servants who have done justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.**

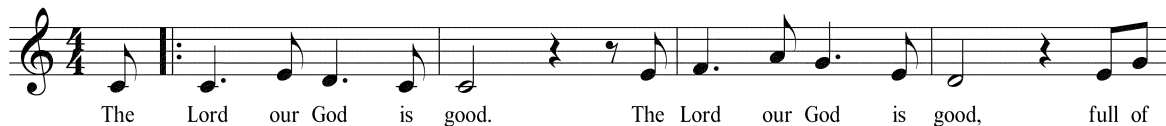
Minister: Especially for those men and women whom we have known and loved, who by their patient obedience and self-denial, steadfast hope and helpfulness in trouble, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we thank You.

People: **Grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them the inheritance of the saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Prayer Response

The Lord, Our God, Is Good

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough



At "The Lord, Our God, Is Good," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

- Minister: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
People: for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
 Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?
People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
 Minister: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
People: Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
 Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory?
People: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
 Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory?
People: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory!

Hymn Medley

Pearly Gates
When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

(see page 7)
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Evening Scripture Lesson

I Timothy 4:6-16

6 If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

A sermon outline can be found on page 10.

Benediction

Congregational Response

Almost Home

Al - most home, we're al - most home; _____ so
 press on t'ward that bless-ed shore; O praise the Lord! We're al-most home!

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major, and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a 3/4 time signature change and ending with a double bar line.

Repeat

Postlude



On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand



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. *Go to verse 2*
 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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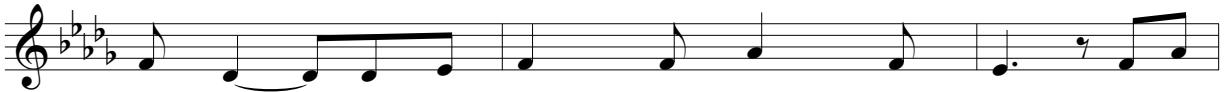
Pearly Gates



1. Love di - vine so great and won - drous, — Deep and
2. Like a dove when hunt - ed fright - ened, — As a
3. Love di - vine so great and won - drous, — All my
4. In life's ev - en - tide at twi - light, — At His



migh - ty, pure sub - lime; Com - ing from the heart of
wound - ed fawn was I; Bro - ken heart - ed yet He
sins he then for - gave! I will sing His praise for -
door I'll knock and wait; By the pre - cious love of



Je - sus — Just the same through tests of time. He the
healed me, — He will heed the sin - ners cry.
ev - er, — For His blood, His pow'r to save.
Je - sus, — I shall en - ter hea - ven's gate.



pear - ly gates will o - pen, — So that I may en - ter in; For He



pur - chased my re - demp - tion — And for - gave me all my sin.

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Music and Lyrics by James M. Black



1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound and
2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the



time shall be no more, and the morn - ing breaks, e - ter - nal, bright, and fair; when the
dead in Christ shall rise, and the glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share; when His



saved of earth shall ga - ther o - ver on the oth - er shore, and the
cho - sen ones shall ga - ther to their home be - yond the skies, and the



roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there. When the roll _____ is called up yon - der,
roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.



when the roll _____ is called up yon - der, when the roll _____ is called up yon - der,



when the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there!

When You Were Young

I Timothy 4:6-16

I. How to Grow

A. Avoid Silly Myths (v. 7)

B. Train in Godliness (v. 8-10)

II. How to Lead

A. Examples Not Excuses (v. 12)

1. Speech

2. Conduct

3. Love

4. Faith

5. Purity

B. Examine Yourself Closely (v. 16)

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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