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Winter Grace

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WINTER GRACE

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

MATTHEW 11:28-30



Prelude

A Christmas Prelude
Robert Scott, *flute*

Charles Callahan

*Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Luke 1:78-79

Opening Scripture Philippians 4:6-7; John 14:26; Romans 8:26

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, Who made Heaven and earth.

Minister: He will not let your foot be moved; He Who keeps you will not slumber.

People: Behold, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Minister: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Minister: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.



† The Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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† The Invocation

God of mercy, hear our prayer for ourselves, and for our families and friends who live with the struggles of illness, setbacks, confusion, suffering, and the pain of loss. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow, and peace for the past. We ask these things in the Name of Christ, Who shares our life in joy and sorrow, death and new birth, despair and promise. Amen.

Prayers of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Call to Confession – Psalm 40:1

O Lord, like Your servant David, Your people wait patiently for You. As You inclined toward David long ago, incline also to us today and hear our cry. Answer us with Your presence and speak hope to our expectant hearts. Amen.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another, that we have sinned against You by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. We have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Isaiah 61:1-3

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

The Affirmation of Our Faith – Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† The Hymn

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

The Meditation

“My Own Prison”

Mr. Cooper



The Individual’s Silent Prayer for Healing

The Corporate Prayer for Healing (in unison)

Father, mend us and make us better than we could be without You. Take those things that are broken in our lives and visit us with Your healing. And help us to use the strength we receive in Your service, to Your glory!

The Litany of Healing

Minister: God the Father, Your will for Your people is life and salvation;

Response: We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Minister: God the Son, You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

Response: We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Minister: God the Holy Spirit, You make our bodies the temple of Your presence;

Response: We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Minister: Holy Trinity, one God, in You we live and move and have our being;

Response: We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Minister: Lord, grant Your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Minister: Grant to all who seek Your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence;

Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Minister: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Minister: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Minister: Grant to the dying, peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Minister: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Minister: You are the Lord Who does wonders; with You all things are possible:

Response: You have declared Your power among the peoples.

Minister: With You, O Lord, is the well of life:

Response: And in Your light we see light.

Minister: Hear us, O Lord of life:

Response: Heal us, and make us whole.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Georg Friedrich Handel

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!

Job 19:25-27

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

The Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lord, we pray for all who have been in attendance this night, that they all may have the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. And for all those who have prayed – those who have shown mercy – those who have lifted their hands to You in thanksgiving and in supplication – for all present here, O God, we give thanks and ask that You continue with them day by day. Indeed, O Lord, keep us all from all evil, preserve us in all goodness. Bless us so that we may indeed bless others in Your most Holy Name – we ask it in the Name of Christ Jesus – Who taught us to pray together as one family, saying: **Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

† The Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

(see page 11)

† The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Minister: Now may the God of Peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.

People: AMEN.

The Postlude

Divertissement on 'Here Is Born the Divine Child'

Louis Adolph Krantz

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold,

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord!"

Luke 2:10-11



Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Unison

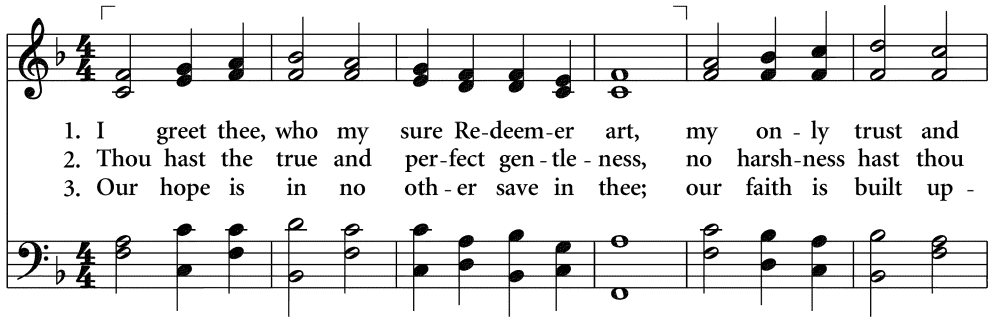
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

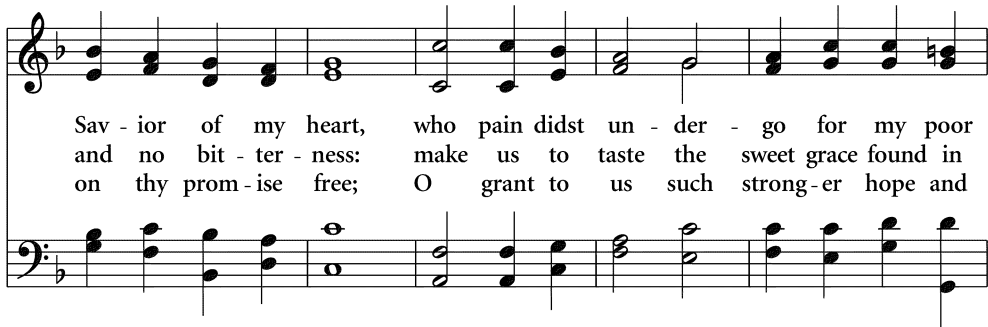
for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art



1. I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art, my on - ly trust and
2. Thou hast the true and per-fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh-ness hast thou
3. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is built up -



Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der - go for my poor
and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the sweet grace found in
on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such strong - er hope and



sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an - gels
 4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin
 bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was born on
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our

old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a -
 moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right she
 earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped and
 ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God; from
 weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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