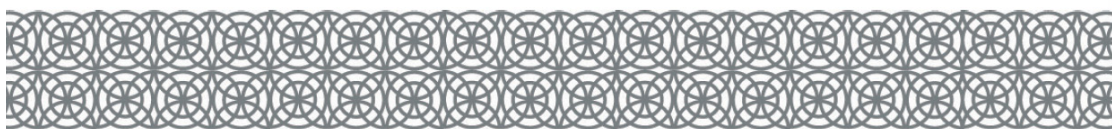




SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



**CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 2023

# 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 113:1-3

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the Name of the LORD!  
Blessed be the Name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the  
rising of the sun to its setting, the Name of the LORD is to be praised!

Hymn

*How Great Thou Art*

*(see pages 6-7)*

Evening Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Illumination

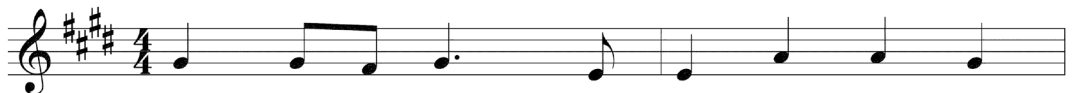
Middelburg Liturgy (1586)

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, we humbly submit ourselves, and fall down before Your Majesty, asking You from the bottom of our hearts, that the seed of Your Word sown among us, may take such deep root, that neither the burning heat of persecution cause it to wither, nor the thorny cares of this life choke it. But that, as seed sown in good ground, it may bring forth thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold, as Your heavenly wisdom has appointed. Amen.

Prayer Response

*We Long to See You*

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough



Al - migh - ty God we long to see You.

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O - pen our hearts and make them pure. Spi - rit, please wash us

6



in your mer - cy; come teach our souls to love Your truth.

## Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:1-9

Minister: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your Name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your Name forever and ever.**

Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Minister: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.**

Minister: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

## Hymns

*The Lord, Our God, Is Good*

(see page 8)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

(see page 9)

*Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

(see page 10)

*At "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

15 Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. 17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Homily

**THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT**

Mr. Howell

Hebrews 9:15

1. Connecting Note: *“Therefore”*
2. Complete Assertion: *“He is the mediator of a new covenant”*
3. Crucial Purpose: *“so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance”*
4. Costly Basis: *“since a death has occurred”*
5. Choicest Blessing: *“that redeems them...”*

## Benediction

### Congregational Response

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
and our measureless debt was erased

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



# How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
2. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!



# The Lord, Our God, Is Good

Words and Music by Paul Zach, Wendell K  
Jessica Fox, Liz Vice, Orlan

## Refrain



The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good,

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kind - ness and com - pas - sion, mer - ci - ful — and just; the Lord our God is good.

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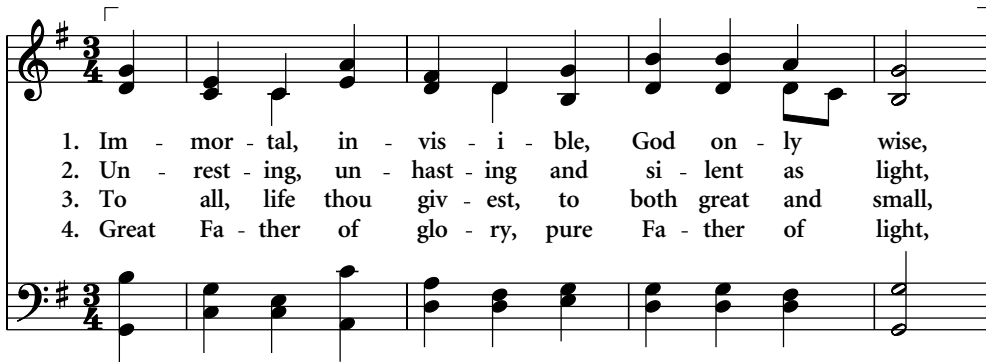
1. Who else knows our deep - est pain, bears it as His own?  
2. Who takes His in - her - i - tance and gives it all a - way?

13 *Back*



Finds us in our na - ked shame, clothes and brings us home?  
Wel - comes guests to feast with Him who nev - er can re - pay?

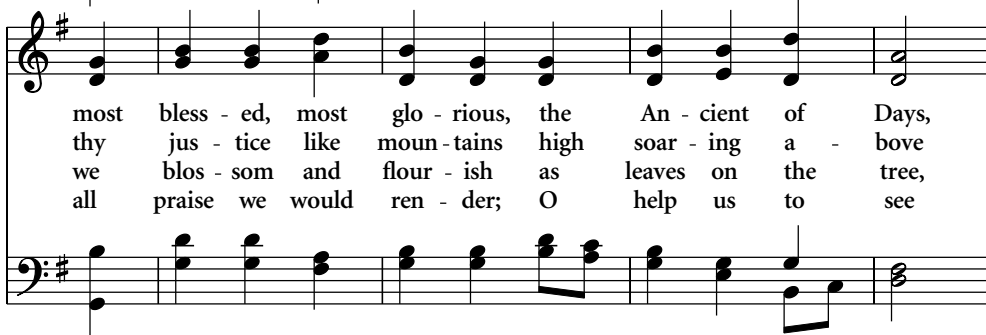
# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



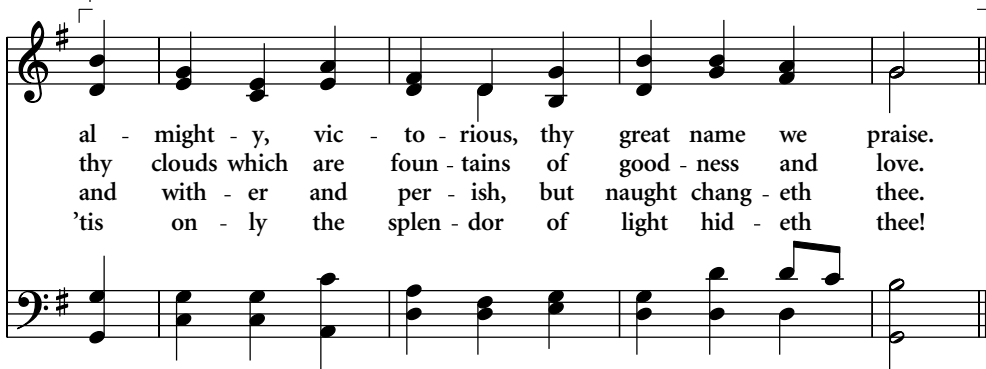
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small,  
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



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!

# CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufin,  
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.

## **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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