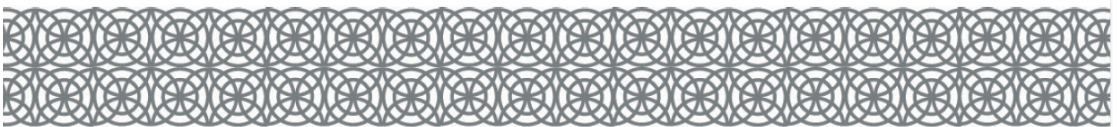


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

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 5:12-13

“Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” “To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Hymn

Behold Our God

(see page 7)

Evening Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from Middelburg Liturgy (1586)

Minister: O Lord, our heavenly Father, You are our Maker,

People: and we are the workmanship of Your hands;

Minister: You are our Pastor,

People: and we are Your flock;

Minister: You are our Redeemer,

People: and we are the people whom You have bought;

Minister: Because You are our God,

People: we are Your chosen inheritance –

Minister: Let not Your anger be kindled against us, that You should punish us in Your wrath. Neither remember our wickedness so as to take vengeance for it,

People: But rather chastise us according to Your mercy.

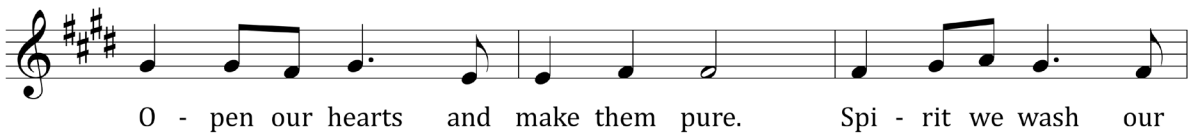
Minister: We confess, O Lord, that our misdeeds have inflamed your wrath against us, Yet considering that by Your grace we call upon Your name, and make profession of Your truth –

People: Maintain we ask, the work that You have begun in us, to the end that all the world may know that You are God and Savior and set forth Your praise and glory. Amen.

Prayer Response

We Long to See You

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough



Minister: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Minister: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

People: For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Minister: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

Minister: and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Hymn

His Mercy Is More

(see page 8)

At the last stanza of "His Mercy Is More," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Lamentations 3:1-24

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of His wrath; 2 He has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; 3 surely against me He turns His hand again and again the whole day long. 4 He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; He has broken my bones; 5 He has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; 6 He has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. 7 He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; He has made my chains heavy; 8 though I call and cry for help, He shuts out my prayer; 9 He has blocked my ways with blocks of stones; He has made my paths crooked.

10 He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding; 11 He turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces; He has made me desolate; 12 He bent His bow and set me as a target for His arrow. 13 He drove into my kidneys the arrows of His quiver; 14 I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the object of their taunts all day long. 15 He has filled me with bitterness; He has sated me with wormwood. 16 He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; 17 my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; 18 so I say, “My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord.” 19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! 20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

Homily

FINDING HOPE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

Mr. Howell

1. The Lord is a Rogue Shepherd: vv. 1-6
2. Walled Up Alive: vv. 7-9
3. Hunted to Death: vv. 10-13
4. Driven to Despair: vv. 14-18
5. Bad Memory: vv. 19-20
6. Truth Remembered: vv. 21-24

Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to and the Blessing 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

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

(see page 9)

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 10)

Benediction

Benediction Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

**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.**



Behold Our God

Written by : Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
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1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
3. Who has felt the nails up on His hands,



Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Who can question any of His words?
5 bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
7 Who can teach the One who knows all things?
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave,



All cre - a - tion ri - ses to re - joice.
Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

His Mercy Is More



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,



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

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)



1. Are you wear - y, heav - y la - den? Come and lay your bur - dens down;
 (2. Are you) hope - less, are you guilt - y? Caught in shame for all your sin?
 (3. Are you) wait - ing in your sor - rows For this bro - ken world to heal?



Je - sus calls you, Je - sus draws you; rest in Him.
 He pur - sues you to for - give you; rest in Him.
 He is com - ing, soon re - turn - ing; rest in Him.



He is gen - tle, He is low - ly, He de - lights to bring us peace;
 He has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ure, Mer - cy flows in end - less streams;
 We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace re - vealed;



Ten - der Shep - herd, might - y Sa - vior: rest in Him.
 Come and fol - low, free - dom calls you: rest in Him.
 3a. From his kind - ness ev - 'ry prom - ise then ful - filled;
 3b. Trust in Je - sus, He will keep us to the end. *3rd verse, add line 3b before going to chorus*

Chorus



How sure his com - pas - sion for us! Oh how deep is his



love; So come, come to Je - sus and rest in Him.

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.



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