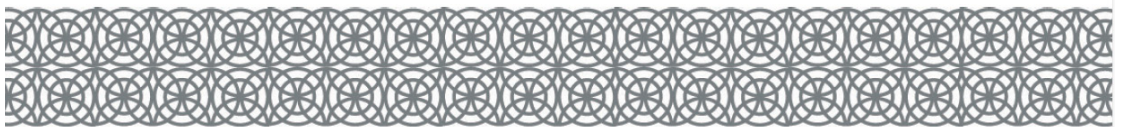




SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2, 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

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

## Troait

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
Montgomery Christian Youth Choir

Robert Bayley

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul He fills, and every pain and sorrow stills:  
To God all praise and Glory!

The angel host, O King of Kings, Thy praise forever telling,  
In earth and sky, all living things beneath Thy shadow dwelling.  
Adore the wisdom which could span, and power which formed creation's plan:  
To God all praise and Glory!

O ye who bear Christ's holy Name, give God all praise and glory!  
All ye who own His power, proclaim aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast each false idol from His throne, the Lord is God and He alone:  
To God all praise and Glory!

- Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!  
 Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.  
 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?  
 The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- People: Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- Minister: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.
- People: Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give  
 thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.  
 I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- People: Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- Minister: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s  
 doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us  
 rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD!
- People: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!**

Hymn

*When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart*

(see page 6)

Evening Prayer

Anthem

*Behold the Shepherd*

Natalie Sleeth

Behold the shepherd on the hill; he tends the flock while all is still.  
 He scans the height and probes the deep, content to suffer for his sheep.  
 Behold what burdens he must bear, the wayward lambs within his care;  
 He watches well while others sleep, content to suffer for his sheep.  
*Miserere nobis.* Lord, have mercy, grant to him Thy peace.

Behold His love for one and all, His sacrifice for great and small;  
 A lonely vigil He must keep, content to suffer for His sheep.  
 Like them we too have gone astray, but Christ would Shepherd us always.  
 And for our sins in sorrow weep, content to suffer for His sheep.  
*Miserere nobis.* Lord, have mercy, grant to us Thy peace.

## Anthem

*Soon and Very Soon* André Crouch, arr. Rollo Dillworth

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Should there be any rivers we must cross,  
Should there be any mountains we must climb,  
God will supply all the strength that we need,  
Give us strength 'til we reach the other side.

We have come from every nation, God knows each of us by name;  
Jesus took His blood and washed our sins away.  
Yes, there are some of us who have laid down our lives,  
But we all shall meet again on the other side.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

## Hymn

*Speak, O Lord*

(see page 7)

*At the last stanza of "Speak, O Lord," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! The holy stones lie scattered at the head of every street. 2 The precious sons of Zion, worth their weight in fine gold, how they are regarded as earthen pots, the work of a potter's hands! 3 Even jackals offer the breast; they nurse their young; but the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. 4 The tongue of the nursing infant sticks to the roof of its mouth for thirst; the children beg for food, but no one gives to them. 5 Those who once feasted on delicacies perish in the streets; those who were brought up in purple embrace ash heaps. 6 For the chastisement of the daughter of my people has been greater than the punishment of Sodom, which was overthrown in a moment, and no hands were wrung for her. 7 Her princes were purer than snow, whiter than milk; their bodies were more ruddy than coral, the beauty of their form was like sapphire. 8 Now their face is blacker than soot; they are not recognized in the streets; their skin has shriveled on their bones; it has become as dry as wood. 9 Happier were the victims of the sword than the victims of hunger, who wasted away, pierced by lack of the fruits of the field. 10 The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became their food during the destruction of the daughter of my people. 11 The Lord gave full vent to his wrath; he poured out His hot anger, and He kindled a fire in Zion that consumed its foundations. 12 The kings of the earth did not believe, nor any of the inhabitants of the world, that foe or enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem. 13 This was for the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed in the midst of her the blood of the righteous. 14 They wandered, blind, through the streets; they were so defiled with blood that no one was able to touch their garments. 15 "Away! Unclean!" people cried at them. "Away! Away! Do not touch!" So they became fugitives and wanderers; people said among the nations, "They shall stay with us no longer." 16 The Lord himself has scattered them; He will regard them no more; no honor was shown to the priests, no favor to the elders. 17 Our eyes failed, ever watching vainly for help; in our watching we watched for a nation which could not save. 18 They dogged our steps so that we could not walk in our streets; our end drew near; our days were numbered, for our end had come. 19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles in the heavens; they chased us on the mountains; they lay in wait for us in the wilderness. 20 The breath of our nostrils, the Lord's anointed, was captured in their pits, of whom we said, "Under his shadow we shall live among the nations." 21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, you who dwell in the land of Uz; but to you also the cup shall pass; you shall become drunk and strip yourself bare. 22 The punishment of your iniquity, O daughter of Zion, is accomplished; He will keep you in exile no longer; but your iniquity, O daughter of Edom, He will punish; He will uncover your sins.

1. The Degradation of the Whole Population: vv. 1-10
2. The Sin & Fate of the Leaders: vv. 11-16
3. The End Has Come: vv. 17-20
4. The Cup Is Full: vv. 21-22

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response

*Revelation 22:21-22*

**He Who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”**

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**“Surely I am coming soon.”**

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Amen. Come Lord Jesus, come.**



**EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9**

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the North Lawn

Homily by The Reverend Dr. Richard Pratt

Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in Trinity Hall

Sermon by The Reverend Dr. Richard Pratt

Music by the Chancel Choir, brass ensemble, and organ

**NO EVENING VESPERS**

# When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart



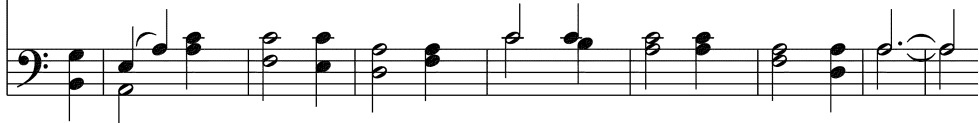
1. When sor - row floods the trou - bled heart and clouds the mind with fears,  
2. The voice is stilled, no words ex - press the pain that lin - gers on;  
3. The sting of death can - not for - bid the child of God to sing.



af - flic - tion press - es from the soul the bit - ter flow of tears.  
our prayer be - comes a si - lent sigh; all mor - tal speech is gone.  
The scars we bear may long re - main, but res - ur - rec - tion brings



God's weep - ing chil - dren raise the prayer: "Al - might - y God, how long  
The Ho - ly Spir - it groans in us with in - ter - ces - sion strong;  
the heal - ing of the bro - ken heart, the right - ing of the wrong.



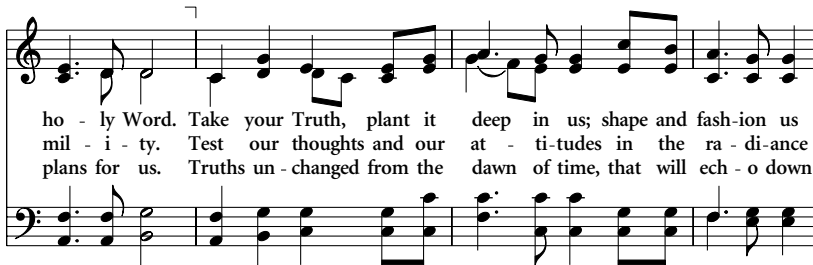
till tears shall cease and si - lence break and grief be turned to song?"  
when tears have ceased and si - lence breaks, the Spir - it stirs a song.  
Our tears shall cease, our si - lence breaks in Christ, the liv - ing Song.



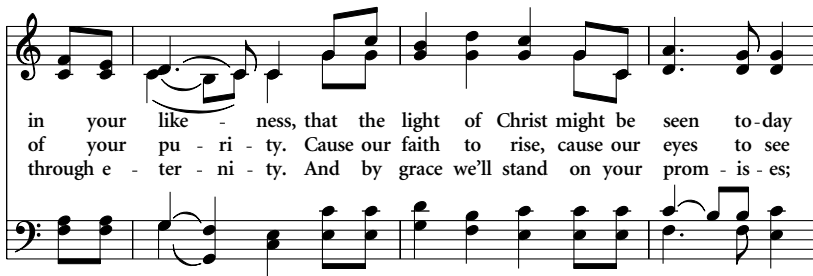
# Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



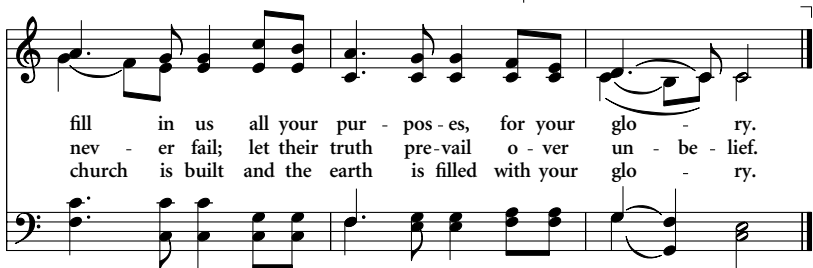
ho - ly Word. Take your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down



in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be seen to-day  
of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es;



in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es, for your glo - ry.  
nev - er fail; let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.