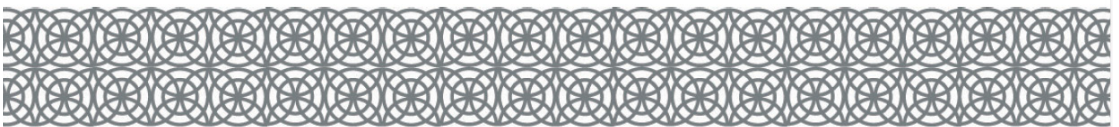




SUNDAY EVENING  
*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 30, 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

Psalm 9:1-2

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart; Recount all of His wonderful deeds. Be glad and exult Him; Sing praise to His Holy Name.

## Hymn

*We Will Say In That Day*

(see page 5)

## Congregational Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Phillip Doddridge (1802)

**Minister:** Come, blessed Lord, Author of all grace and consolation. Show us our sin in all its worst colors, that we may be unwaveringly convicted of it.

**People:** **Show us Your majesty and mercy in such a way that our hearts will be melted.**

**Minister:** Convince us, blessed Spirit, of our sin and self-righteousness, and drive us to repentance.

**People:** **Show us the power of Christ to save!**

Minister: Teach our faith to see Him with arms open wide, pierced and bleeding, telling us there is room in His heart for us.

**People: May we know what it is to have our whole heart subdued by love.**

Minister: So subdued as to be crucified with Christ, to be dead to sin and dead to the world, but alive to God through Jesus Christ. May we confide in His power and love, commit our spirit to Him without reserve, bear His image, observe His law, and pursue His service.

**People: Enrich us, Heavenly Father, with Your grace. Come to us and manifest Your gracious presence in our souls.**

## Evening Prayer

### Prayer Response

*Lord Have Mercy*



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Psalm Reading

Psalm 13

Minister: How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?

**People: How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?**

Minister: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

**People: But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.**

### Hymns

*Yet Not I*

(see page 6)

*How Marvelous*

(see page 7)

*Blessed Assurance*

(see page 8)

*At the last stanza of "Blessed Assurance," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

**Homily**

**NEW LIGHT**

Mr. Cooper

I. Reading Revelation

II. What Does Heaven Lack?

A. Sun

B. Temple

C. Shut Gates

D. Night

E. Detestable or False Things

III. What Makes Heaven Heavenly?

# Prayer

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

### *The Joy of Jesus*

Music and Words by  
Rich Mullins, Lowell Alexander and Phil Nash



May the grace of our God be with you.



May the grace of our God be with you.



May you know the grace of our God, and may the grace of our God be with you.



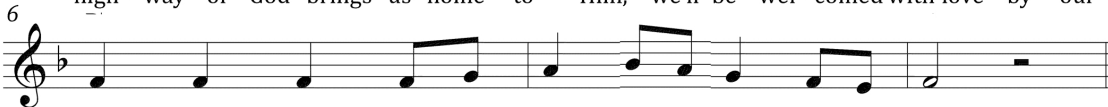
# We Will Say In That Day



You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will  
We will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" And we'll  
You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the



lead back the lost to the pro - mised land, and the voice of the Sa - vior will  
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ve - ry soon to for - get what they  
sit with the Lord at the ta - ble's head, and the Shep - herd Him - self is our  
high - way of God brings us home to Him, we'll be wel - comed with love by our



call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!" *(directly to verse 2)*  
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord.  
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.  
Sa - vior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.



We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give - thanks!" We will



not be a - fraid, for He comes to save. We will shout, we will call, "Ev - 'ry



tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

# Yet Not I



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er, there is no  
2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en, for by my  
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
4. With ev' - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for hea - ven now to give; He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and  
side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -  
sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
said that He will bring me home; And day by day I know He will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I  
joic - ing for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I  
par - don, and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I  
new me, un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to  
hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est val - ley He will  
hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my  
hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus; All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



His. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!  
lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!  
plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!  
Him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I. but through Christ in me.

# How Marvelous



1. I stand a-mazed in the pre - sence of Je - sus the Na - za -
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he made them his ve - ry
3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his face I at last shall



rene, and won-der how he could love me, a sin - ner con-demned, un-clean.  
own; he bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf-fered and died a - lone.  
see, 'twill be my joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.



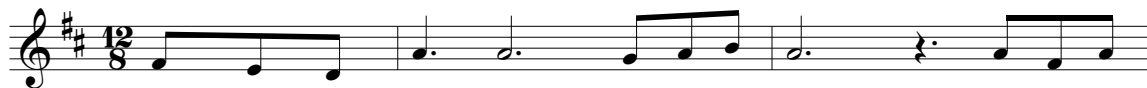
How mar-ve-lous! How won-der-ful! And my song shall e - ver be:



How mar-ve-lous! How won-der-ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!



# Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal -  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de -  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; watch - ing and



va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his  
scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of  
wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his



blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my  
love. \_  
love. \_



Sav - ior all the day long; this is my sto - ry, this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## Sermon Notes

## **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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