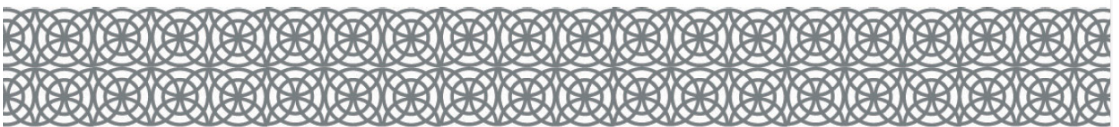


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 28, 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

Deuteronomy 4:29

“If you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him – if you search after Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” Children of God, seek here the Lord with all your heart: worship Him with all your soul.

Hymn

There Is a Fountain

(see page 6)

Evening Prayer

Congregational Prayer of Confession

Anslem (1033-1109)

Minister: O Lord, plenteous source of every good and perfect gift, shed abroad the cheering light of Your sevenfold grace over our hearts.

People: Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, we humbly implore Your assistance.

Minister: You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will.

People: When, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask, with Your grace;

Minister: Enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions,

People: So that by Your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of our faith

Minister: And may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest;

People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Response

Lord Have Mercy



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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 103 (selected verses)

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

Minister: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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

Evening Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 1:20-33

20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; 21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 22 “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? 23 If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, 25 because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, 27 when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, 30 would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, 31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. 32 For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; 33 but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Homily**LADY WISDOM’S SPEECH**

Mr. Howell

Proverbs 1:20-33

I. Lady Wisdom’s Introduction: vv. 20-21

- A. Who is she?
- B. How does she speak?

II. Lady Wisdom’s Speech

- A. She Complains: v. 22
- B. She Entreats: v. 23

C. She Threatens: vv. 24-30

D. She Concludes: vv. 31-33

Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to and the Fencing 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 8)

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 Spirit; 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 9)

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.**



There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

1. There is a foun-tain filled with blood, drawn from Im-man - uel's veins;
2. E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flow-ing wounds sup - ply,
3. When this poor lisp - ing, stam-m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave,
4. Dear dy - ing Lamb, thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:
 re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
 then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing thy pow'r to save:
 till all the ran - sored church of God be saved to sin no more:

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 I'll sing thy pow'r to save, I'll sing thy pow'r to save;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
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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,

Repeat refrain last time



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; *3rd verse, add line 3b before going to chorus*
3b. Trust in Je - sus, He will keep us to the end.



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.

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 and Designed to Sing

We are a singing people because it is how God has created us. We are all singers. We may not all be very good singers, but we are all created to be singers nonetheless (Psalm 139:13-14). God designed our psyche for singing. He gave us minds to judge pitch and lyric; to think through the concepts we sing; to engage the intellect, imagination, and memory, and to remember what is set to a tune. Almost all of us can remember more lyrics set to music than memorized Scripture. God has formed our hearts to be moved with depth of feeling and a whole range of emotion as the melody-carried truths sink in, convicting us of the Lord's nature, and our own.

Christian singing begins with the heart, not on the lips (Ephesians 5:19). He is far less concerned with your tunefulness than your integrity. Singing with your whole heart may not manifest itself in loud, or at times even audible singing, but it is the bare minimum of what our Lord requires. If we view singing in worship as communing with our Lord, we will not settle for mumbling, merely listening, or performing for our neighbors in the pew. Instead, we will be so thrilled with the beauty of His holiness, the truths of the text, and the remembrance of His grace that we will forsake our image and only seek to glorify His. Whatever your ability is, bring it all before the Lord and enjoy Him through this most gracious and beautiful gift of communicating with Him!

God does not mind how well you sing, but that you sing as part of the ultimate choir – the congregation. No audition is required and everyone can be and should be in it. The true beauty of such a congregational choir is that our voices and our hearts are knit together in praise. It is exhilarating to be part of a body of believers singing truth together. Your voice may not be of a professional standard, but it is of a confessional standard.

We are all singers. Some have talents that allow them to sing with beautiful tone and good pitch, while others have talents to sing with their soul. What a beautiful sound we all make as singers to our heavenly Father's ears as we join our voices in worship.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, chapter 1 pp 1-5.



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*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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