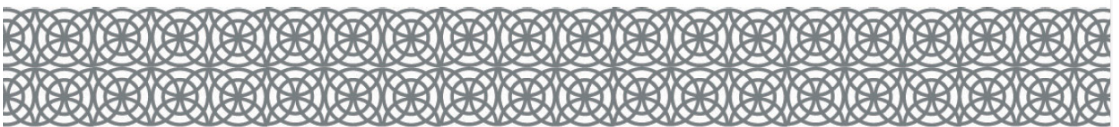


SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 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

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hymn No. 467

*Onward Christian Soldiers*

ST. GERTRUDE

## Congregational Prayer

Adapted from *Open & Unafraid*

Minister: May the leaders of our nation rule with justice and mercy.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Minister: May justice be the shield and defender of all peoples.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Minister: May we as a nation have peace and the people be blessed.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Minister: May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Minister: May we and our enemies in the nations of the world turn toward peace.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Minister: May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Minister: May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

**People: Hallelujah. The Lord of mercy is with us.**

## Evening Prayer

### Hymn Sing

*During the final hymn, children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

### Evening Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 7:1-27

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; 2 keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; 3 bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call insight your intimate friend, 5 to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words. 6 For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, 7 and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, 8 passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house 9 in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. 10 And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. 11 She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home; 12 now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait.

13 She seizes him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him, 14 “I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; 15 so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. 16 I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love. 19 For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; 20 he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home.” 21 With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. 22 All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast 23 till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life. 24 And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth. 25 Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, 26 for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.

**Homily**

**WARNING AGAINST THE ADULTERESS**

Mr. Howell

Proverbs 7:1-27

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*A sermon outline may found on page 4.*

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Benediction 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.**



# WARNING AGAINST THE ADULTERESS

Proverbs 7:1-27

## **I. LIFE-GIVING INTRODUCTION: vv. 1-5**

A. Fatherly Appeal: vv. 1-4

B. Fatherly Concern: v. 5

## **II. AN ADULTEROUS DRAMA: vv. 6-23**

A. The Characters are Introduced: vv. 6-12

B. The Plot Thickens: vv. 13-20

C. No "Happy" Ending vv. 21-23

## **III. LIFE-TAKING CONCLUSION: vv. 24-27**

A. Fatherly Appeal: vv. 24-25

B. Fatherly Concern: vv. 26-27

## 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.



## **VISITORS**

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

*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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