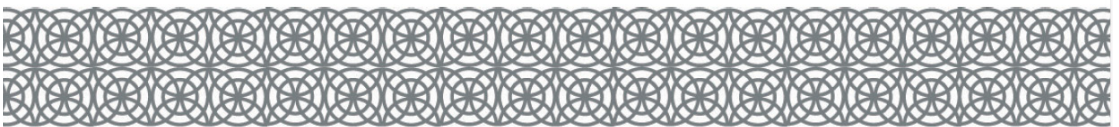




SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 9, 2023

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, 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.

Welcome

*to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.
We are glad you're here!*



Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. "Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Hymn

We Will Say In That Day

(see page 4)

Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

We Long to See You

Al - migh - ty God we long to see You.

3

O - pen our hearts and make them pure. Spi - rit, please wash us

6

in your mer - cy; come teach our souls to love Your truth.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. A '3' above the second line indicates a triplet of eighth notes, and a '6' above the third line indicates a sixteenth note.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 139 (selected verses)

Minister: O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: **Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**

Minister: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

People: **Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**

Minister: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to Heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

People: **Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**

Minister: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with You.

People: **Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Hymn Medley

God's Unchanging Hand

(see page 5)

Behold Our God

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How Great is Our God

(see page 7)

At the last stanza of "How Great is Our God," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Homily

The Reverend Allen Bowen

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
and our measureless debt was erased**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace**

Postlude



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

3



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

6



call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!" *Go to 2nd Verse*
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.

9



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

12



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

15



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

God's Unchanging Hand



1. Time is filled with swift trans - i - tion, naught of earth un-moved shall stand.
2. Trust in Him who will not leave you, what - so - ev - er years may bring.
3. Co - vet not this world's vain ri - ches, that so ra - pid - ly de - cay.



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.
If by earth - ly friends for - sa - ken, still more close - ly to Him cling.
Seek to gain the heav - 'nly trea - sures, they will ne - ver pass a - way.



Chorus

Hold to His hand, God's un-chang-ing hand, hold to His hand, God's un-chang-ing hand.



Build your hopes on things et - er - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.

Behold Our God

Written by : Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Who can question any of His words?
bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?
Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
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!

How Great is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin,
Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;



let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice!
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End.



He wraps — Him - self — in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
The God - head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at — His voice.
the Li - on and — the Lamb, the Li - on and — the Lamb.

Chorus



How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our — God!



And all will see how great, how great is our God!



Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise.



My heart will sing: How great is our God!

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- What and How We Sing

We have much creative freedom in our music and in our songs, which is magnificently displayed in the diversity of sounds and styles expressed in the Church all over the world. But the Bible is more specific about what we should sing.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16).

One of the ways the Word of Jesus can dwell in us richly is for us to sing it to one another. Fundamentally, we are to sing about God, revealed in Christ and supremely in His suffering and His glory. The songs we sing should not brush along the surface, or pluck phrases out of context, or focus exclusively on ourselves, or describe Jesus in a way His Word does not (or even worse in contradiction to His Word). If you are singing as a member of the assembly of the saints, then don't just sing, but think. What are you singing? How does it point you to Jesus as He reveals Himself in His Word? Which lines in the lyrics flood you with joy because they move you to consider Christ afresh, and how will you sing them to others and back to yourself this week?

The Colossians passage above also speaks to how we sing. We are not to sing with a begrudging heart – “I sing because I must” – but rather “with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” We sing because He is marvelous. It is impossible to sing what you are excited about in your spirit and grateful for in your heart in a way that is tepid, tentative, and withdrawn. Deeply felt thankfulness produces a sound from our voices that is robust and enthusiastic. So, as we obey the command to sing, we are (or should be) unleashing a congregational sound of conviction. If we aren't, our children or visitors looking on have every right to question whether what we are singing is truly important to us.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Chapter 2, pp 16-19.



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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