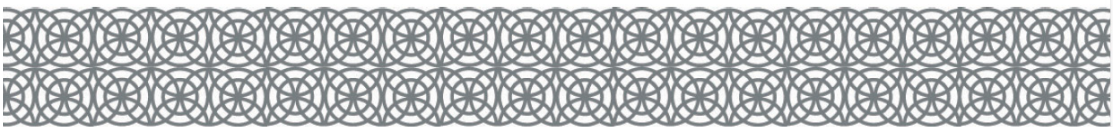


SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 16, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

# Lord's Day Vespers

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EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

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## 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

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every Name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

(see page 7)

## Congregational Prayer

Adapted from *Sheltering Mercy*

Minister: Father, it is a good thing to remember Your mercy; to recall Your faithfulness; to remind ourselves that our very lives are a testimony to Your salvation.

**People: For we have known the saving hand of God, we have held to Your goodness.**

Minister: Just when we had lost the will to sing, Your mercy became music to us; an old song – older than the earth- and yet as fresh and new as the morning.

**People: It is a good thing to fall into the hands of the Living God- to surrender to Your grace; to trade pride for humility; pleasant fictions for hard truths.**

Minister: What a beautiful sound it is when Your family gathers; when Your ransomed children sing the glories of Your grace; when we feast in honor of our King.

**People: May we never cease to join that song- to proclaim with all the saints the height and depth and length and breadth of Your love.**

Minister: May our words, thoughts and deepest meditations be music to Your ears, oh Lord.

**People: Draw us back to Your heart; to the peace from which we so often flee.**

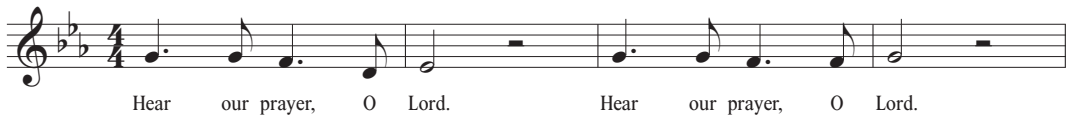
Minister: Let Your song rise up in us, as we remember the grace to which we are such great debtors.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus; quickly come!**

## Evening Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*



Minister: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Minister: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

**People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Minister: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Minister: Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do Your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

**People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Minister: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

**People: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"**

Hymn Medley

*Sweet By and By*

*(see page 8)*

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*(see page 9)*

*Are You Washed in the Blood*

*(see page 11)*

*At the last stanza of "Washed in the Blood," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Evening Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 31:4-7

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

*Selected verses can be found on page 5 and 6.*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Turn Your Eyes*

**Turn your eyes to the heavens,  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
“All glory to Jesus alone!”**

**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.**



## RED, RED WINE

### *Selected Verses*

**Proverbs 8:13** – Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

**Proverbs 9:1-6** – Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

**Proverbs 20:1** – Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

**Proverbs 21:17** – Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

**Proverbs 23:29-35** – Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who tarry long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine. Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. In the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart utter perverse things. You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, like one who lies on the top of a mast. “They struck me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt; they beat me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake? I must have another drink.”

**Proverbs 31:4-7** – It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

**Proverbs 23:19-21** – Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way. Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.

**Proverbs 23:19-21** – Like an archer who wounds everyone is one who hires a passing fool or drunkard.

**Leviticus 10:9** – Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.

**Isaiah 5:11** – Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them!

**Isaiah 5:22** – Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink.

**Ecclesiastes 9:7** – Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

**Psalms 104:14-15** – You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

**Isaiah 55:1**– Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**Amos 9:14** – I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

**Matthew 26:29** – I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

**Matthew 11:18-19** – For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.

**1 Timothy 5:23**– No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Words by Louisa M. Stead

Music by William J. Kirkpatrick



1.'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take Him at His word;  
2.O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His cleans - ing blood;  
3.I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - iour, Friend;



just to rest up - on His prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
and in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing cleans - ing flood!  
and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!



# Sweet By and By

Text by Sanford F. Bennett, Music by Joseph P. Webster



1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, and by faith we can see it a -  
2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore the me - lo - di - ous songs of the  
3. To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove we will of - fer our trib - ute of



far; for the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way to pre - pare us a dwell - ing place  
blest; and our spir - its shall sor - row no more, not a sigh for the bless - ing of  
praise, for the glo - ri - ous gift of His love and the bless - ings that hal - low our



there. In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore. In the  
rest.  
days.



sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.

# I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry, that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry


to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# Are You Washed in the Blood

Words and Musi by  
Elisha Albright Hoffman




1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans - ing pow'r?  
2. Are you walk - ing dai - ly by the Sav - ior's side?  
3. Lay a - side the gar - ments that are stained with sin,




Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
and be washed in the blood of the Lamb.




Are you ful - ly trust - ing in His grace this hour?  
Do you rest each mo - ment in the Cru - ci - fied?  
There's a foun - tain flow - ing for the soul un - clean;



Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!



Are you washed in the blood, in the soul - cleans-ing blood of the Lamb?



Are your gar - ments spot-less? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?