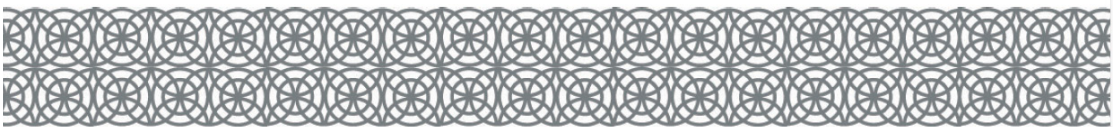


SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 23, 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 12:28-29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hymn

Only A Holy God

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Minister: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

Minister: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for

You I wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

Minister: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

People: **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

Minister: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and his testimonies.

People: **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

Hymn

God, Be Merciful To Me

(see page 8)

Evening Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer of Confession

Adapted from *Sheltering Mercy*

Minister: Father, we are made for the heights of Heaven – to soar above these passing things; to look into the face of our God and breathe the freshness of His grace.

People: **Lord, You are the source of all our hope.**

Minister: See, Father, how our hearts are open – how we long to know Your ways and the mysteries of Your mercy. You have ransomed us with blood, that we might draw closer still to the very heart of God.

People: **In silence, we wait.**

Minister: Lord, in your mercy there is a stripe of blood above us, forgiving all our faults, judging us righteous –

People: **Sinners with saintly crowns.**

Minister: By Your grace you remember us at our best; forget us at our worst; and in gentleness, restore us. We kneel before you in shame.

People: **You have pulled us to our feet and welcomed us home.**

Minister: When our souls are burdened and all Heaven seems silent; when the hope of New Creation rings hollow in our hearts –

People: **Raise us up. Restore us. Give us a new song to sing that we may sing the glories of Your grace. Amen and Amen.**

Prayer Response

We Long to See You

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

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

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 8:1-36

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? 2 On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: 4 “To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. 5 O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense. 6 Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right, 7 for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8 All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. 9 They are all straight to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. 10 Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. 12 I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. 13 The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. 14 I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; 16 by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. 18 Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, 21 granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. 22 The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. 23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25 Before the

mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, 26 before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. 27 When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, 29 when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, 31 rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man. 32 And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. 34 Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. 35 For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, 36 but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.

Homily

THE BLESSINGS OF LADY WISDOM

Mr. Howell

Proverbs 8:1-36

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 9)

Confession of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

I 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 men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I 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

He Will Hold Me Fast

(see page 10)

Benediction

Benediction Response

He Will Hold Me Fast (Chorus)

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**



THE BLESSINGS OF LADY WISDOM

Proverbs 8:1-36

I. THE PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: vv. 1-3

A. Questions to Gain Attention: v. 1

B. Places to Gain Audience: vv. 2-3

II. THE SPEECH OF LADY WISDOM: vv. 4-21

A. My Instruction is True and Valuable: vv. 4-11

B. My Benefits are Power and Wealth: vv. 12-21

C. My Ancestry is Ancient and Distinguished: vv. 22-31

III. THE PRACTICAL CONCLUSION: vv. 32-36

A. Renewed Invitations: vv. 32-33

B. Ruling Motives: vv. 34-36

Only a Holy God

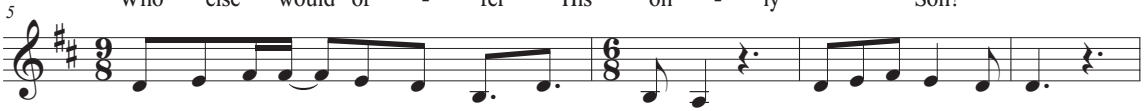
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1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav-en?
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais-es?
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *Go to verse 2*
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
On - ly my Ho - ly God.



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly.



Cry out, sing ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God.



Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

God, Be Merciful To Me

(ps. 51)



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, _____
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, _____
 3. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust _____
 4. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new,



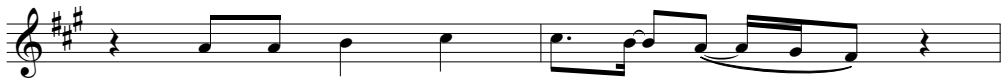
On thy grace I rest my plea;
 Grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 By thy wrath and judge - ment just,
 Make my spir - it right and true



Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, _____
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace _____
 Let my con - trite heart re - joice _____
 Cast me not a - way from thee,



Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 And pro - voked thee to thy face;
 And in glad - ness hear thy voice;
 Let thy Spir - it dwell in me;



Wash me, Make me pure with-in, _____
 I con - fess thy judge - ment just, _____
 From my sins O hide thy face, _____
 Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part,



Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.
 Stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Jordan Kauflin & Matt Merker



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.

Chorus



How sure his com - pas - sion for us! Oh how deep is his



love; So come, come to Je - sus and rest in Him.

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at



fast.
 fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 last!



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.



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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