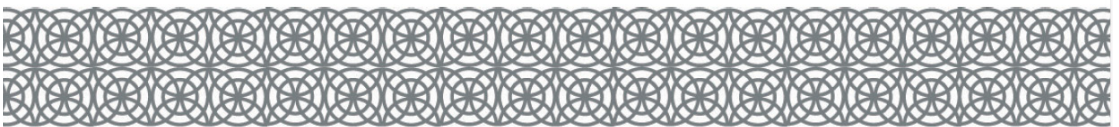




SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 30, 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

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the Name of the LORD! Blessed be the Name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Name of the LORD is to be praised!

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(see page 6)

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from *Open & Unafraid*

Minister: Merciful God, Who weeps with those who weep, Who rescues those who have been oppressed, Who inclines Your ear to the needy, Who draws near to the abandoned, Who binds up the brokenhearted, Who raises up those who are laid low, and Who feels compassion for those who are broken in body or in spirit:

People: **Hear our prayer, Lord.**

Minister: Do not be deaf to our pain.

People: **Have pity on us in our affliction.**

Minister: Bring an end to our distress.

People: **Preserve our lives.**

Minister: Rescue us, heal us, be near to us, that we might join the company of those who take refuge in You and praise Your Holy Name.

People: **We pray this in Jesus' name, a Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, on Whom we cast all our cares.**

Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff is in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord." The second staff is in bass clef, 4/4 time, with the same key signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "Hear our cry for mer ——— cy. Teach us Your will." The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 37

Minister: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

People: **Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Minister: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

People: For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Minister: In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace. The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

People: For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Minister: The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever. But the wicked will perish. Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

People: For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake his saints.

Hymns

The Day of the Lord

(see page 7)

Come Thou Fount

(see page 8)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(see page 9)

*At the last stanza of "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me,"
children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Evening Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 22:24-25; 24:17-18

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the Lord see it and be displeased, and turn away His anger from him.

Homily

ANGER MANAGEMENT 101

Mr. Clark

Proverbs 22:24-25; 24:17-18

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Selected verses can be found on page 5.

Prayer

Benediction

Benediction Response

Revelation 22:21-22

He Who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

He Who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

“Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Amen. Come Lord Jesus, come.



ANGER MANAGEMENT 101

Proverbs 22:24-25; 24:17-18

Proverbs 14:7 – A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated.

Proverbs 14:29 – Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

Proverbs 15:1 – A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:18 – A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.

Proverbs 16:14 – A king's wrath is a messenger of death, and a wise man will appease it.

Proverbs 16:32 – Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 19:11 – Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 19:19 – A man of great wrath will pay the penalty, for if you deliver him, you will only have to do it again.

Proverbs 22:24-25 – Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

Proverbs 24:17-18 – Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the Lord see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.

Proverbs 27:4 – Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

Proverbs 29:8 – Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath.

Proverbs 29:22 – A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.

Proverbs 30:32-33 – If you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand on your mouth. For pressing milk produces curds, pressing the nose produces blood, and pressing anger produces strife.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
 thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 fore him! Let the A - MEN sound from his peo - ple a -

near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 do, if with his love he be - friend - thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

The Day of the Lord

(Refrain after verses two and three only)



It's not long 'til the boast-ful__ are si - lenced and shamed. It's not
Just be still and be faith - ful__ and dwell in__ the land. Put your
Do not fear for the wick - ed__ with weap - ons__ of war, for the



long 'til the wealth of__ the wick - ed's__ re - claimed. And the
trust in the Sav - ior__ and cling to__ His hand. When your
Lord is the shel - ter__ and strength of__ the poor. And our



ones who have wait-ed__ with eyes on the Lord will shine like the sun for - ev - er -
heart burns with an - ger for all that is wrong, do not let the dark__ steal your
God comes with laugh-ter, let Him be your joy. The pow'r of the sword, He'll de -



more. It's not long 'til the Day of the Lord! (to verse 2)
song. It's not long 'til the Day of the Lord!
stroy It's not long 'til the Day of the Lord!

Refrain: It's not



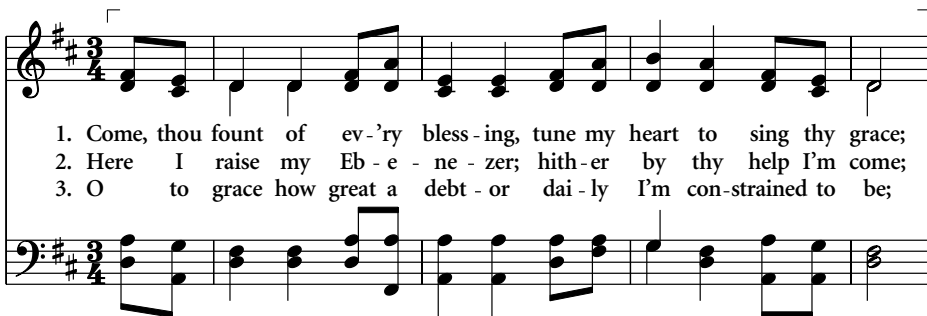
long 'til the Day of the Lord, it's not long 'til the day of the Lord! Ev-'ry-



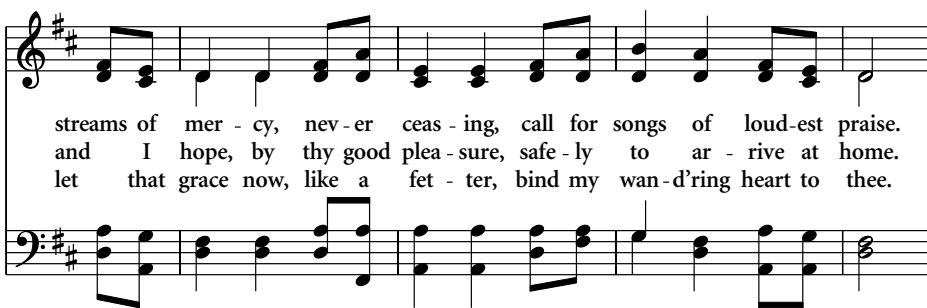
thing that is bro-ken will soon be re-stored. It's not long 'til the Day of the Lord!

Words and Music by Wendell Kimbrough

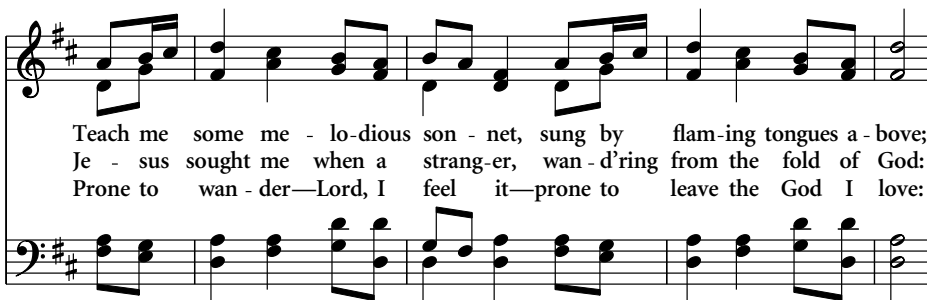
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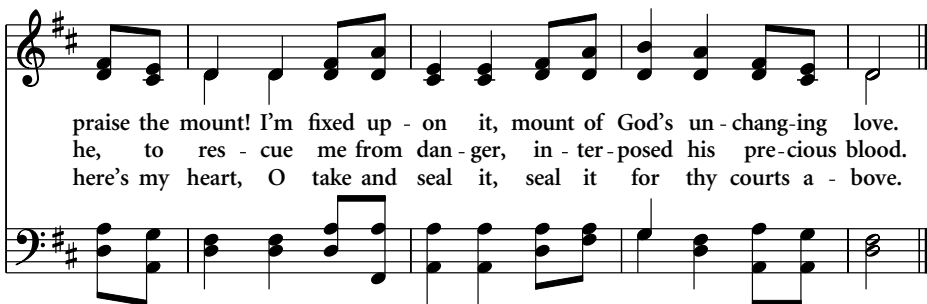
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er, there is no
 2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 4. With ev' - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for hea - ven now to give; He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and
 side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that He will bring me home; And day by day I know He will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
 joic - ing for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
 par - don, and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
 new me, un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to
 hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est val - ley He will
 hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus; All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



His. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!
 lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!
 plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!
 Him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I. but through Christ in me.

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

Compelled to Sing

We are created to sing and, because of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, compelled to sing. Compelled is a strong and convicting word. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes “For Christ’s love compels us” (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Our motivation to sing comes from so much more than ourselves – our likes, our comfort levels, our musical tastes and preferences. Intrinsically, it’s driven by the One Who died and was raised. It is driven by a heartfelt desire to convey gospel truth to those of us who already know it and need to be refreshed and renewed by it, and to communicate it to those who don’t yet know, but who might be drawn to Christ through seeing and hearing people who clearly mean it because of the way that they sing about it.

Praise is prompted by – compelled by - the revelation of something glorious. The gospel is the revelation of the most glorious truth in history. Jesus came so that we might know Him, the truth, for “the truth will set you free” (John 8:32). We were slaves to sin, but Christ died for our sins and rose to give us new life (John 8:36; Rom 5:8). The gospel is a declaration of eternal freedom. It is a revelation that compels us to respond, and part of our response will be to sing.

Christ has broken every chain of sin that was tied around us and that we couldn’t even see until He opened our eyes to see them. And we were not just freed **from** something, we were freed **for** something – to glorify Him, to live the life God designed us to live, to know life in all its forever fullness. We sing because we are free to run from all that tore us apart and to run to all that makes us whole.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 3, pp 21-25.



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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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