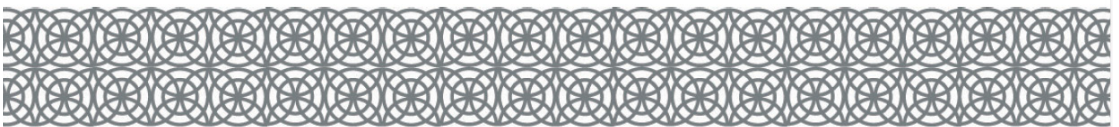




SUNDAY EVENING  
*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 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 117

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

## Hymn

*The Day of the Lord*

(see page 5)

## Evening Prayer

## Congregational Prayer

*Book of Common Worship (1946)*

O Lord, the Father of light, with Whom there is no variable or shadow of turning;

**Look in mercy upon us, Your sinful and wayward children;**

Direct the eyes of our faith unto You;

**That we may receive a heavenly illumination through Your Word and Spirit;**

And walk securely amid the shadows of this mortal life.

**Pardon our sins, and give us such a vision of the truth of Jesus;**

That darkness may be driven from our hearts;

And we may render unto You songs of praise;

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*



Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Hear our cry for mercy. Teach us Your will.

## Psalm Reading

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!**

I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!**

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!**

## Gospel Hymn Medley

See page 6

*At the last stanza of "I'll Fly Away," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

## Evening Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her

hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

**Homily**

**I WILL FOLLOW YOU INTO THE DARK**

Mr. Cooper

Proverbs 31:10-31

**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.**



# Sermon Notes

# 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! Refrain: It's not  
stroy It's not long 'til the Day of the Lord!



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

## Shall We Gather at the River?

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

### *Chorus*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows from the throne of God.

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus keep me near the cross;  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

### *Chorus*

In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever.  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river.

### *Chorus*

In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever.  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

## Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Chorus*

O, precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Chorus*

O, precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## There Is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from your burden of sin?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

### *Chorus*

There is pow'r, pow'r,  
wonder-working pow'r  
In the blood of the Lamb.  
There is pow'r, pow'r,  
wonder-working pow'r  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

### *Chorus*

There is pow'r, pow'r,  
wonder-working pow'r  
In the blood of the Lamb.  
There is pow'r, pow'r,  
wonder-working pow'r  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.



## When We All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus  
Sing His mercy and His grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.

### *Chorus*

When we all get to heaven  
What a day of rejoicing that will be.  
When we all see Jesus  
We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim's pathway  
Clouds will overspread the sky.  
But when trav'ling days are over  
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

### *Chorus*

When we all get to heaven  
What a day of rejoicing that will be.  
When we all see Jesus  
We'll sing and shout the victory!

## When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall  
sound and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall  
gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

### *Chorus*

When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!

On that bright and cloudless morning  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather  
to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

### *Chorus*

When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!

## **I'll Fly Away**

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,

I'll fly away.

To a home on God's celestial shore,

I'll fly away.

### *Chorus*

I'll fly away, O glory;

I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by,

I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown,

I'll fly away.

Like a bird from his prison bars has flown,

I'll fly away.

### *Chorus*

I'll fly away, O glory;

I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by,

I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away.

To a land where joys shall never end,

I'll fly away.

### *Chorus*

I'll fly away, O glory;

I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by,

I'll fly away.

## **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

#### **Created and Designed to Sing**

We are a singing people because it is how God has created us. We are all singers. We may not all be very good singers, but we are all created to be singers nonetheless (Psalm 139:13-14). God designed our psyche for singing. He gave us minds to judge pitch and lyric; to think through the concepts we sing; to engage the intellect, imagination, and memory, and to remember what is set to a tune. Almost all of us can remember more lyrics set to music than memorized Scripture. God has formed our hearts to be moved with depth of feeling and a whole range of emotion as the melody-carried truths sink in, convicting us of the Lord's nature, and our own.

Christian singing begins with the heart, not on the lips (Ephesians 5:19). He is far less concerned with your tunefulness than your integrity. Singing with your whole heart may not manifest itself in loud, or at times even audible singing, but it is the bare minimum of what our Lord requires. If we view singing in worship as communing with our Lord, we will not settle for mumbling, merely listening, or performing for our neighbors in the pew. Instead, we will be so thrilled with the beauty of His holiness, the truths of the text, and the remembrance of His grace that we will forsake our image and only seek to glorify His. Whatever your ability is, bring it all before the Lord and enjoy Him through this most gracious and beautiful gift of communicating with Him!

God does not mind how well you sing, but that you sing as part of the ultimate choir – the congregation. No audition is required and everyone can be and should be in it. The true beauty of such a congregational choir is that our voices and our hearts are knit together in praise. It is exhilarating to be part of a body of believers singing truth together. Your voice may not be of a professional standard, but it is of a confessional standard.

We are all singers. Some have talents that allow them to sing with beautiful tone and good pitch, while others have talents to sing with their soul. What a beautiful sound we all make as singers to our heavenly Father's ears as we join our voices in worship.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, chapter 1 pp 1-5.



## **VISITORS**

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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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