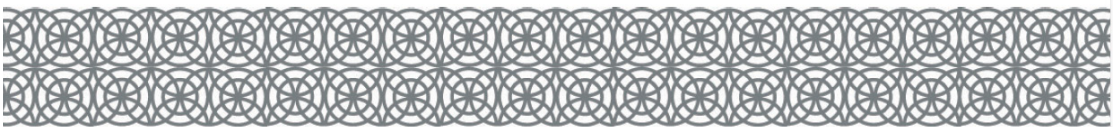


SUNDAY EVENING  
*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

## Hymn

*I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation*

(see page 5)

## Evening Prayer

## Congregational Prayer

Adapted from *Open & Unafraid*

Lord of joy unspeakable, You have not created us so that we should merely endure existence.

**You have created us rather for delight**

and You have filled our mouths with laughter.

**Turn our tears into songs of joy,**

change our wailing into dancing,

**and make our wilderness blossom with life,**

so that with the morning stars we might sing for gladness

and with the festive throng we may come to Your house with shouts of praise.

**We pray this in the name of the One Who endured all things for the joy set before Him, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Prayer Response

*Lord Have Mercy*



## Psalm Reading

Psalm 145 (selected verses)

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your Name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your Name forever and ever.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever and ever.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever and ever.**

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever and ever.**

The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. All your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless You!

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever and ever.**

## Hymns

*We Will Say in That Day*

(see page 6)

*How Marvelous*

(see page 7)

*Behold Our God*

(see page 8)

*At the last stanza of "Behold Our God," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

## Evening Scripture Lesson

Psalm 33:12  
pew Bible, 588

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

## Homily

**BLESSED IS THE NATION  
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD**

Rev. Dr. Peter Lillback

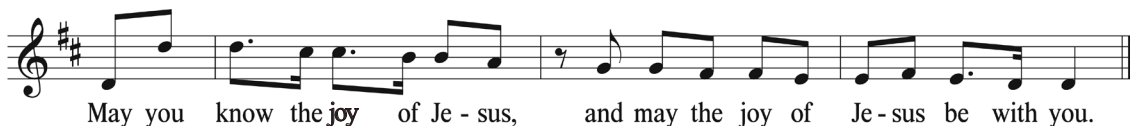
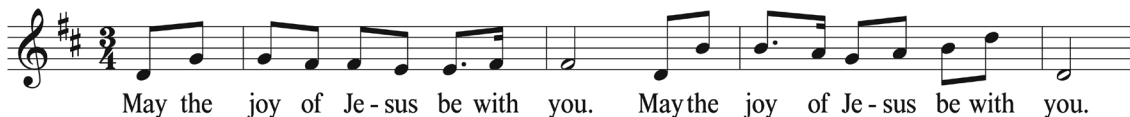
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## Closing Prayer

## Benediction

## Benediction Response

*Joy of Jesus*



# Sermon Notes

# I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion,  
I will walk with the Lord in His vic - t'ry,



I will call on the name of the Lord,  
I will no more de - spair in the dark.



He has heard my cry, He has saved my life—  
He has calmed my fears with His love so near—



I will en - ter His courts with praise.  
I am safe in His faith - ful arms.



Al-le - lu - ia to the ris - en Lord! Al-le - lu - ia, death will reign no more!



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.

*Words and Music by Wendell Kimbrough*

# 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



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



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.



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



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



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

# How Marvelous



1. I stand a-mazed in the pre - sence of Je - sus the Na - za -
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he made them his ve - ry
3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his face I at last shall



rene, and won-der how he could love me, a sin - ner con-demned, un-clean.  
own; he bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.  
see, 'twill be my joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.



How mar-ve-lous! How won-der - ful! And my song shall e - ver be:



How mar-ve-lous! How won-der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!



# Behold Our God

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

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,

3  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Who can question the an-y of His words?  
5  
bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

7  
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!

## **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**

Scripture contains many exhortations to sing to God. Repeatedly, we are encouraged to be a singing people with more than 400 references to singing in the Bible and at least 50 direct commands to sing. Just as we are told to study the Scriptures, to pray, to give, to take communion, so we are commanded to sing with the saints. It is interesting and mysterious that this particular activity is commanded, both within and outside of worship. God’s commands are good for us; there are so many spiritual benefits we receive from singing and ‘making melody in your heart’ (Ephesians 5:19).

*Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the saints (Psalm 149:1).*

The command is not to sing just to ourselves or by ourselves, but as part of “the assembly of the saints” – that is, in the company of other believers and with your church. It is not a metaphorical, or optional, or seasonal suggestion, but a clear directive from our Lord and Savior to sing as a regular part of our worship life, primarily and especially with other believers. Just as we are called to gather together every Sunday for worship, so we are called to sing when in His presence. If we neglect singing, corporately or individually, we neglect communing with the Lord, and with His saints.

Within any assembly, we may sing songs that we may not have chosen because they are not our favorite, to arrangements or with accompaniments that we may not have chosen. On such occasions, we need to be willing to lay down our own tastes for the good of the wider assembly. For as long as we have the health and the ability, we are each called to sing with the people of God, and to love the people of God enough to sing; dying to ourselves and glorifying the Lord in the process.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 2, pp 13-15.



# Sanctuary

SERMON SERIES

Guest Minister

**Rev. Dr. Peter Lillback**

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Peter Lillback to the Trinity Church pulpit. Dr. Lillback is President and Professor of Historical Theology and Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary. He holds a doctorate degree from Westminster Theological Seminary and a master's degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Lillback has been ordained in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and holds his present credentials as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Dr. Lillback's academic interests include church history, the doctrine of Scripture, public theology, the theology of John Calvin, Johannine Theology, and Christianity as it relates to American history. He co-edited, with David Hall, *A Theological Guide to Calvin's Institutes: Essays and Analysis* and co-edited with Dr. Richard Gaffin, *Thy Word Is Still Truth*, which is a survey of essential writings on the doctrine of Scripture from the Reformation to today. Portions of Dr. Lillback's research on Christianity in American history is described in his publications, *George Washington's Sacred Fire and Wall of Misconception*. His lecture, "The American Presbyterian Experience of Religious Liberty and the American Amendments to the Westminster Confession," may be found on the Westminster Seminary website. Dr. Lillback also serves as the president emeritus and founder of The Providence Forum and as the senior editor of the new *Unio cum Christo: An International Journal of Reformed Theology and Life*.



## **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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