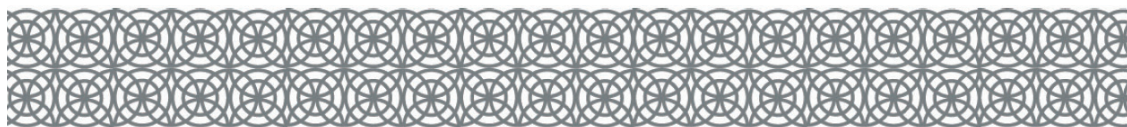


SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 5, 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 7:17

Give to the LORD the thanks due to His righteousness,  
and sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

**Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount*

*(see page 7)*

## Evening Prayer

### Congregational Prayer

adapted from *Sheltering Mercy*

Father, may every word on my tongue be one of thanks to You;  
Every thought in my mind a meditation on Your goodness.

**All I am, all I have, is from Your hand.**

I was just a beggar at the door of grace,

**But You welcomed me in;**

Heard my story;

**Offered me a seat at Your table;**

Commanded the host of Heaven to watch over me.

**Made me a permanent guest in the house of God-**

A beneficiary of infinite kindness.

**In Your presence Lord, I lack nothing.**

One with Christ, we are patient in our afflictions, awaiting the day  
when the last enemy falls,

**sorrow flees away,**

and we look with fresh eyes on a world made new;

and we are children at the feast

where the King of Creation is glorified.

**In Whose precious name we pray. Amen and Amen.**

### Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*



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!**

Hymns

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

*(see page 8)*

*Eternal Weight of Glory*

*(see page 9)*

*Come Unto Jesus*

*(see page 10)*

*At the last stanza of "Come Unto Jesus," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, <sup>2</sup> “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

**Homily**

**THE APPOINTMENT YOU WILL CERTAINLY KEEP**

Rev. Bill Clark

The Parables of Jesus, Part IX

Matthew 25:31-26:2

## 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.**



# Sermon Notes

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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 1 Samuel 7:12



# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life.



He the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man - i - ty.  
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fring, nev - er trace, nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.  
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him Praise the Lord, He is a - live!

*\*Repeat here after 4th verse*



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to  
See the price of our re - demp - tion see the  
\* What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un -



light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -  
save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and sure ful -  
Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing man - y sons to  
wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er res - ur -



scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.  
Glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

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# Eternal Weight of Glory



Now the days and hours and mo - ments of our suf - f'ring seem so long,  
Oh e - ter - nal weight of glo - ry, Oh in - her - i - tance di - vine,  
We will see our wound-ed Sav - ior, we'll be - hold Him face to face,



and the toil - some wait and won - d'ring threat-en si - lence to our song.  
we will see our Lord re - deem - ing ev - 'ry past and fu - ture time.  
and we'll hear our an - guished sto - ries sung as vic - t'ry songs of grace.

*(3rd verse go to refrain)*



Now our pain is real and pres - sing where our faith is thin and weak,  
All our pains will be trans - fig - ured like the scars of Christ our Lord,



but our hope is set on Je - sus and we cling to Him, our strength.  
we will see the weight of glo - ry and our bro - ken years re - stored.

## *Refrain*



For be - hold I tell a myst - 'ry: at the trum - pet sound we'll wake!



Death is swal-lowed up in vic - t'ry when we meet our King of Grace.



Ev - 'ry year we thought was wast - ed, ev - 'ry night we cried, "how long?"



All will be a pas - sing mo - ment in our Sav - ior's vic - t'ry song.

*Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough*

# Come Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wear - y; come to the mer - cy seat,  
 2. Joy of the com - fort - less, light for the stray - ing, hope of the pen - i - tent,  
 3. Come taste the Bread of Life, bro - ken for sin - ners; drink from the cup of His  
 4. Come now and fol - low Him, this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as



fer - vent - ly kneel. Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y;  
 peace in our strife; here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
 pro - mise made sure. Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters;  
 noth - ing but loss. Trade all this world for His King - dom un - fad - ing.



come un - to Je - sus, — might - y to heal. (go to verse 2)  
 "My yoke is eas - y, My bur - den is light." Come un - to  
 grace o - ver - flow - ing is yours ev - er - more. Come un - to  
 Come un - to Je - sus, — take up your cross. (to next line)  
 Life ev - er - last - ing He of - fers to us. Come un - to



Je - sus, come un - to Je - sus. Lay down your bur - dens,



He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus; rest in His love.

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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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