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Winter Grace

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WINTER GRACE

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

MATTHEW 11:28-30



The Prelude

The Sleep of Infant Jesus
Jihye Choi, violinist

Henri Busser

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

Opening Scripture – Philippians 4:6-7; John 14:26; Romans 8:26

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 121 (*congregation reads bold type*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, Who made Heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; He Who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.



† The Hymn No. 90

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

† The Invocation

The Call to Confession – Psalm 28:1-2

To You, O LORD, I call;

my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if You be silent to me,

I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,

when I cry to You for help,
when I lift up my hands
toward Your most holy sanctuary.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another,
that we have sinned against You by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
We have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways.
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by His love;
He will exult over you with loud singing.

The Affirmation of Our Faith – Romans 8:38-39

**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

The Meditation

“Praying Through Affliction to Hope”

Rev. Clark

The Corporate Prayer for Healing

**Almighty God, You are the source of all comfort and compassion.
We come to You in prayer on behalf of those who are suffering and oppressed.
Lord, we know that You are near to the brokenhearted
and that You save those who are crushed in spirit.
We ask that You would bring comfort to those who are hurting,
and that You would give them peace in the midst of their trials.
Father, we lift up those who are suffering from illness,
physical pain, and emotional distress.
We ask that You would heal their bodies, soothe their pain,
and calm their anxieties.
Bring us all to the place where we will boast
all the more gladly of our weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may rest upon us. Amen.**



The Litany of Healing (*congregation reads bold type*)

God the Father, Your will for Your people is life and salvation;

We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

God the Son, You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, You make our bodies the temple of Your presence;

We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in You we live and move and have our being;

We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Lord, grant Your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek Your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying, peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord Who does wonders; with You all things are possible:

You have declared Your power among the peoples.

With You, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in Your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

The Lord's Supper

The Inviation to and Fencing of the Table

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal *Amazing Grace* arr. Matt Riley

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known. – John 1:14, 16, 18

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

The Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

† The Hymn No. 304 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

† The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Now may the God of Peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.

People: AMEN.

The Postlude *Cantilena on MENDELSSOHN* James Biery

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" – Luke 2:13-14

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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