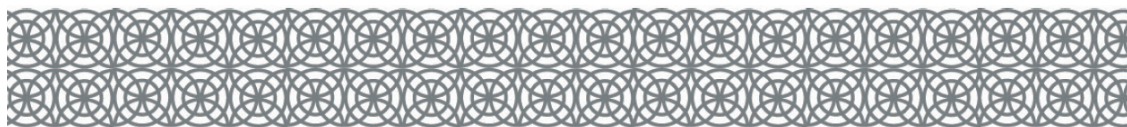


SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 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 vespertime 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.



Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Prelude

The Power of the Cross

Arr. Joshua Evanovich

Kim Steen, *flute*; Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*

† Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36

† Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn 485

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

The Greece Mission Team Commissioning

Evening Prayer

Mr. John Bricken, *Ruling Elder*

Prayer Response

Come Holy Spirit



Scripture Reading – Psalm 31:1-24

pew Bible, page 586

† Hymns

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Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

(see pages 3-4)

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Moore

*At the last stanza of “Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”,
1st through 5th grade children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Scripture Reading – Luke 23:44-49

pew Bible, page 1124

Homily

JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Rev. Clark,

VII. The Word of Trust

Assistant Minister

Closing Prayer

† Hymn 206

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

TOWNEND

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

LEMMEL

**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!'**

Postlude

Variations on CWM RHONDDA

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

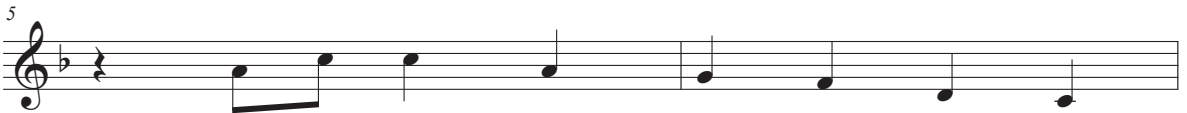
Bill Moore



1. Je - sus, I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world des - pise and leave me,
3. Soul, then know thy full sal - va - tion;
4. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and foll - ow Thee.
They have left my Sa - vior, too.
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.



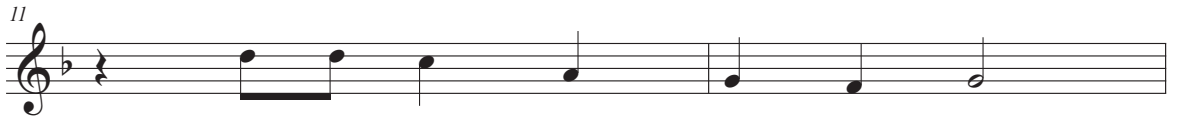
Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken,
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me;
Joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion,
Heaven's e - ter - nal days be - fore thee,



Thou from hence my all shall be.
Thou art not, like them, un - true.
Some - thing still to do or bear.
God's own hand shall guide us there.



Pe - rish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
O while Thou dost smile up - on me,
Think what Spi - rit dwells wi - thin thee,
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mi - ssion,



All I've sought or hoped or known.
God of wis - dom, love, and might,
What a Fa - ther's smiles are thine,
Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days,



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion!
Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
What a Sa - viour died to win thee,
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heaven are still my own.
Show Thy face and all is bright.
Child of heav'n, canst thou re - pine?
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS

VII. The Word of Trust

Luke 23:44-49

I. Review

- A. Christ's Words from the Cross: The Revelation of the Heart of Jesus.
- B. Father, forgive them...The Word of Forgiveness.
- C. Today, you shall be with Me in Paradise. The Word of Salvation.
- D. Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother. The Word of Affection.
- E. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? The Word of Anguish.
- F. I Thirst. The Word of Suffering.
- G. It is Finished. The Word of Victory.

II. Introduction: **The Word of Trust.** Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.

- A. Proposition: In facing His own death, Jesus reveals how all of His followers can do the same.

III. The Magnitude of the Event of Death, Even Your Death.

IV. The Message Jesus Gives Us Concerning Our Death

- A. Like Jesus, let us value our souls (spirit) as He did.
- B. Like Jesus, let us live on the inspired Word of God.
- C. Like Jesus, let us know that the only sure and correct resting place for our souls is our Father in heaven.
- D. Like Jesus, let us know that our Father is near and will hear our prayer of trusting committal to Him of our souls.
- E. Like Jesus, at our death, let us have full confidence in the redemption accomplished by our Savior in His death for us.
- F. Like Jesus, at our death, do not fight to stay in this weak body and this sinful world.

V. Application and Conclusion

The Believer's Death

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 84. *Shall all men die?*

A. Death being threatened as the wages of sin, it is appointed unto all men once to die; for that all have sinned.

Q. 85. *Death being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?*

A. The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, **yet it is out of God's love**, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.

Q. 86. *What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?*

A. The communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy **immediately after death**, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls.

Hebrews 12:22-24

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.



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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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