

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Thoughts for Worship Preparation

In the text we will study this morning, God has given his promises of salvation to Israel, but Israel has replied to say that they don't feel loved by God. God then answers Israel's cry of pain by saying, "Can a woman forget her nursing child? Even so, I will not forget you." It is a very, very common condition to come to doubt God's love. Do you come this morning not sensing God's love in your life? If so, then it is all the more important that you take every word in this worship service and make it your own. It is all the more important that you use your mind to its fullest to preach the Gospel to yourself this morning again. Let us prepare for worship by remembering that we cannot be passive in this next 90 minutes. We must turn on our minds and use them to their maximum capacity. Focus on every word prayed, sung and preached and push those words from your head down into your heart until they are truly your own.

"Can a woman forget her nursing child?... yet I will not forget you." Isaiah 49:14

"Sense of sin may be often great, and more felt than grace; yet not be more than grace. A man feels the ache of his finger more sensibly than the health of his whole body; yet he knows that the ache of a finger is nothing so much as the health of the whole body." Thomas Adam

"He that wants assurance of the truth of his grace, and the comfort of assurance, must not stand still and say, "I am so doubtful and uncomfortable that I have no mind to duty," but ply his duty, and exercise his grace, till he finds his doubts and discomforts to vanish." Richard Baxter

A Word About the Opening Psalm

The use of Psalm-songs (yes, we know that is redundant!) in our gathering time of worship is for a very intentional purpose—to help us quickly move from our focus on ourselves to focus on Almighty God. Although He is so beyond our comprehension, He has revealed Himself to us through the Holy Scriptures. May these songs provide you with an understanding of His nature and character and give you words to use for giving Him glory. We encourage you to take the bulletin home and use these songs in your personal or family worship. With Psalm 29 we proclaim the awesome power of God as expressed in acts of nature such as storms. But He also has the power to proclaim peace to stormy lives.

PSALM 29, "Now Unto Jehovah" *adapted by Gregory Wilbur*

Now un-to Je-ho-vah, you sons of the might - y, All glo-ry and strength and do-
 min-ion ac - cord; As - crite to Him glo - ry, and ren-der Him hon-or, In beau-ty of
 ho - li-ness, wor-ship the Lord. 1. The voice of Je - ho - vah comes down on the
 2. The voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is
 3. Each one in His tem - ple His glo - ry pro-
 wa - ters; in thun-der the God of the glo - ry draws nigh; Lo, o - ver the waves_
 might-y The voice of Je - ho - vah in ma-jest - y speaks; The voice of Je - ho -
 claim-eth. He sat on the flood; He is King on the throne. Je - ho-vah all strength
 of the wide-flow-ing wa - ters, Je - ho-vah as King is en-thron-ed on high!
 vah the ce - dars is breaking; Je - ho-vah the ce - dars of Leb - a-non breaks.
 to His peo - ple im - part-eth, Je - ho-vah with peace ev - er bless-eth His own.

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Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

*Call to Worship

John 14:15-19; Isaiah 49:13

Minister: If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...You will know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

People I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Because I live, you also will live.

Minister: Sing for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains!

People: For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

*Prayer of Adoration & The Lord’s Prayer

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on 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 forever. Amen.

Psalm 103



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you pro-claim!_
 2. He will not al-ways chide; He will with pa-tience wait;_
 3. He clothes you with His love; up-holds you with His truth;_



And all that is with-in me join to bless His ho-ly name._
 His wrath is ev-er slow to rise, and read-y to a-bate._
 and like the ea-gle He re-news the vig-or of your youth._



O bless the Lord, my soul, His mer-cies bear in mind._
 He par-dons all your sins; Pro-longs your fee-ble breath;_
 Then bless His ho-ly Name, whose grace has made you whole,_



For-get not all His ben-e-fits; the Lord to you is kind._
 He heals all your in-firm-i-ties, and ran-soms you from death._
 whose lov-ing-kind-ness crowns your days. O bless the Lord my soul!

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Song of Lament

Psalm 61

1. Hear my cry, O Lord, at - tend un - to my prayer;

2. For You have been a shel - ter un - to me,

from the end of the earth will I cry un - to You.

and a strong tow - er from the en - e - my.

And when my heart is o - ver - whelmed, please lead me to the rock

that is high - er than I, that is high - er than I.

A Prayer of Lament

Psalm 13, *trans. by Gary Chamberlain*Mr. Joe Gage, *Ruling Elder*

How long, Lord? Will you always forget me?
 How long will you hide your face from me?
 How long must I scheme just to survive,
 My mind in anguish day after day?
 How long will my enemy rise against me?

Look at me, answer me, Lord my God;
 Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death,
 Lest my enemy say, "I have triumphed!"
 My oppressors shriek for joy as I fall.
 I have trusted in your faithfulness;
 The joy of my heart is your salvation.
 I sing to the Lord, who brings me through.

Silent Lament

Declaration of Hope and Forgiveness

Elder: *Hear the sweet, comforting words of God!*

*“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you.”
Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because
God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we can say with
confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” *Joshua 1:5;
Hebrews 13: 5-6**

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are not forgotten! We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Mr. Gage

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

“We are Not Alone”

Pepper Choplin

Trinity Choir, directed by Dave Leeman; soloist, Eric Baesel

*We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always,
forever and ever, we are never alone. And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God is
with us. Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever we are never alone. Our God is with us now.*

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Service of Friendship**

*Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel in Room 101.
At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the
beginning of the row.*

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

*Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-16
ESV Pew Bible, page 610

The Morning Sermon

"How God Answers Pain"

The second sermon in the series "The Songs of the Servant of the Lord: Jesus in Isaiah"

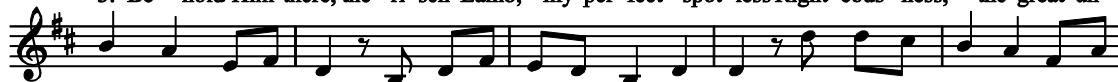
*Hymn of Response

"Before the Throne of God Above"

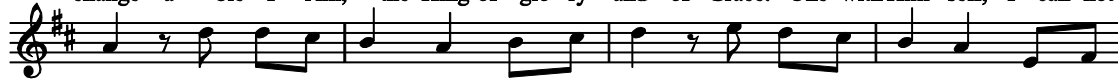
Vicki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest whose name is Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on His
look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I Am, the King of glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not



hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God the Just is sat - is -
die. My soul is pur - chased with His blood. My life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

*The Charge and Benediction

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. *Psalm 32:10; Isaiah. 26:3*

People: **With God's help we will.**

Minister: Trust in the Lord forever, for the LORD, the LORD is the Rock eternal. Amen.

Isaiah 26:4

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist

*indicates to please stand, if able.

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