

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

LEADER

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

*Song

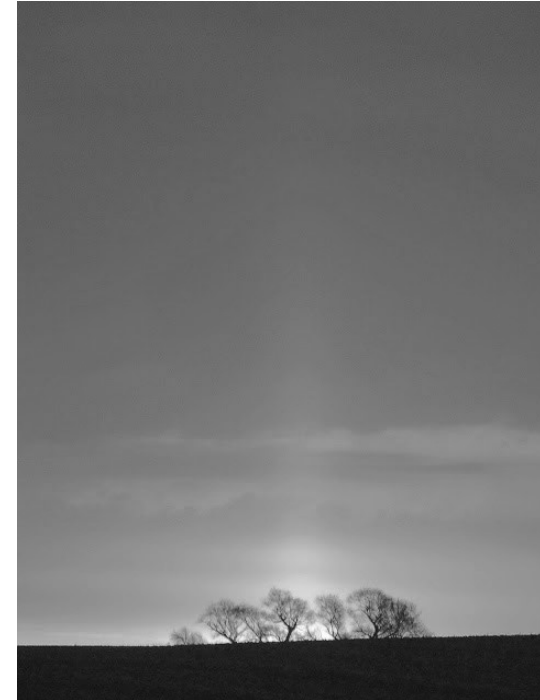
"May the Lord God Hear You Pray"

LUYH 894

*Pass the Peace

Vespers

a service of Evening Prayer at Covenant CRC



Vespers, also known as Evening Prayer or Evensong, is one of the fixed times of prayer in Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions, as well as others around the world. The word *Vespers* comes from the Latin word for evening, and so these prayers are often prayed at sunset.

During Eastertide at Covenant, as dusk begins to fall, we will join in prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and intercession to the God who “from the darkness of the tomb drew forth the light of the world, who led us through the waters of death, and made us children of light singing Alleluias and dancing to the music of new life.” (from *The Book of Common Worship*)

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Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Amos 5:8

LEADER Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name.

Silence

Greeting

Philippians 1:2

LEADER Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;
PEOPLE **the maker of heaven and earth.**
LEADER Jesus Christ is the Light of the world
PEOPLE **the light no darkness can overcome.**
LEADER Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening
PEOPLE **and the day is almost over.**
LEADER Let your light scatter the darkness
PEOPLE **and illumine your church.**

*Song of Worship

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LUYH 730*

Prayer of Confession

LEADER Confident of God's love, let us confess our sins.

Meditation: We Know Not How

*Song

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" *LUYH 763*

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LUYH 381

LEADER Let us pray to the Lord,
PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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 glory forever. Amen.**

LEADER Lord, hear our prayer;
PEOPLE **and let our cry come to you.**
LEADER Let us pray.

Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Silence

- 3 May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.
- 4 May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.
- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.
 May the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now this I know:
 The Lord gives victory to his anointed.
 He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
 with the victorious power of his right hand.
- 7 **Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
 but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**
- 8 They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.
- 9 Lord, give victory to the king!
Answer us when we call!

Song

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" *LUYH 407:1,3*

LEADER All glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
 PEOPLE **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
 for ever. Alleluia. Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson *II Corinthians 5:6-17*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel *Mark 4:26-34*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

LEADER Most merciful God,
 PEOPLE **we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Song of Confession

"Nearer, Still Nearer" *LUYH 659*

The Assurance

LEADER Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all
 your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen
 you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy
 Spirit keep you in eternal life.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

LEADER Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:

PEOPLE **as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Alleluia. Amen.**

The Psalm

Psalms 20

- 1 May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
- 2 May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.