

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

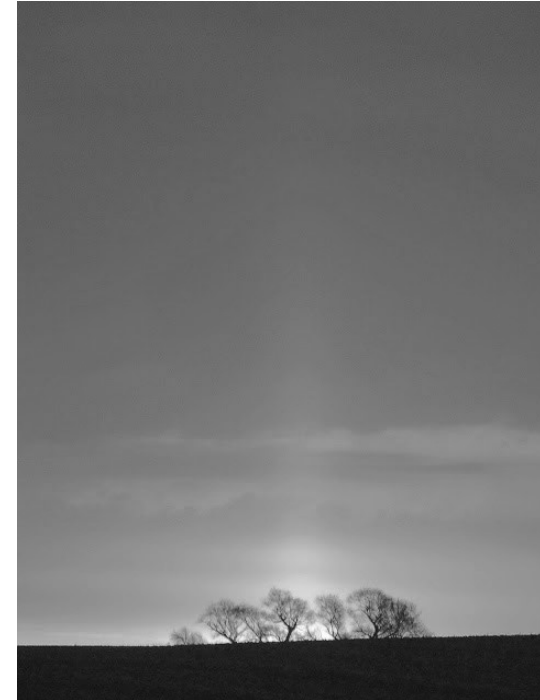
"In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

LUYH 861

*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 Ordinary Time 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 20, 2021

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 96:9

LEADER Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

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

"God Himself Is with Us"

LUYH 565

Prayer of Confession

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

Silence

Meditation: Peace Inside and Outside

*Song

"When Peace Like a River"

LUYH 451

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Father of all,
PEOPLE **Hear your children's 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

**14 that I may declare your praises
in the gates of Daughter Zion,
and there rejoice in your salvation.**

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;
their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.

**16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice;
the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.**

17 The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,
all the nations that forget God.

**18 But God will never forget the needy;
the hope of the afflicted will never perish.**

19 Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph;
let the nations be judged in your presence.

**20 Strike them with terror, Lord;
let the nations know they are only mortal.**

LEADER All glory be to our Eternal God, righteous Judge,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

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

Song

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

LUYH 424:1-3

The Lessons

First Lesson

Job 38:1-11

Song

"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"

LUYH 10

Second Lesson

II Corinthians 6:1-13

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

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

Psalm 9:9-20

9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**10 Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

11 Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

**12 For he who avenges blood remembers;
he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.**

13 Lord, see how my enemies persecute me!
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,