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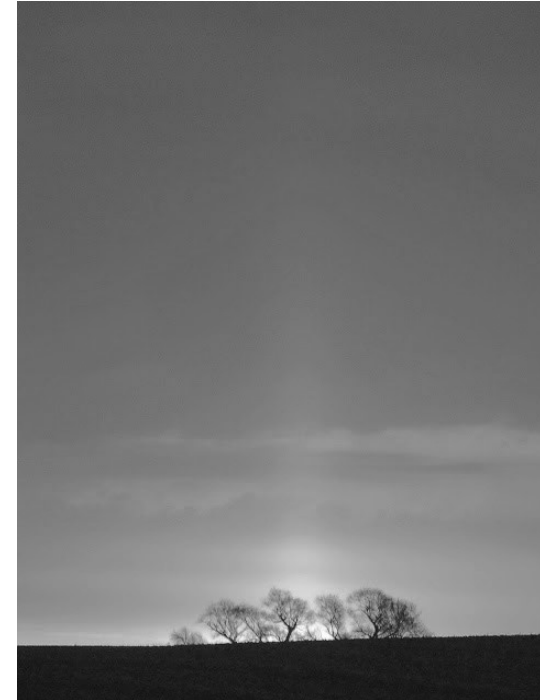
“God of Mercy, God of Grace”

LUYH 934:1-3

*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.

Here 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

July 11, 2021

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 96:9

LEADER Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Silence

Greeting

Philippians 1:2

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

*Opening Sentences

LEADER The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

PEOPLE **come, let us adore him.**

LEADER Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

PEOPLE **come, let us adore him.**

LEADER The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

PEOPLE **come, let us adore him.**

LEADER Lord, open our lips,

PEOPLE **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*Song of Worship

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" *LUYH 538:2-4*

Prayer of Confession

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

Silence

Meditation: Give Life; Gain Life

The Prayers

Prayers of the People with Refrain

LUYH 886

"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"

LUYH 885

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

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore:
Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you,
all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women
everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

*Benediction

II Corinthians 13:14

LEADER The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us
all evermore. Amen.

East: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

West: Who may stand in his holy place?

East: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,

West: who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

East: They will receive blessing from the Lord

West: and vindication from God their Savior.

East: Such is the generation of those who seek him,

West: who seek your face, God of Jacob.

East: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

West: Who is this King of glory?

East: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

West: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

East: Who is he, this King of glory?

West: The Lord Almighty—

All: he is the King of glory.

Song

"Glory Be to the Father"

LUYH 959

The Lessons

First Lesson

Amos 7:7-15

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 6:14-24

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 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sins from us.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Song

"Father, Long Before Creation"

LUYH 687

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 24

East: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

West: the world, and all who live in it;

East: for he founded it on the seas

West: and established it on the waters.