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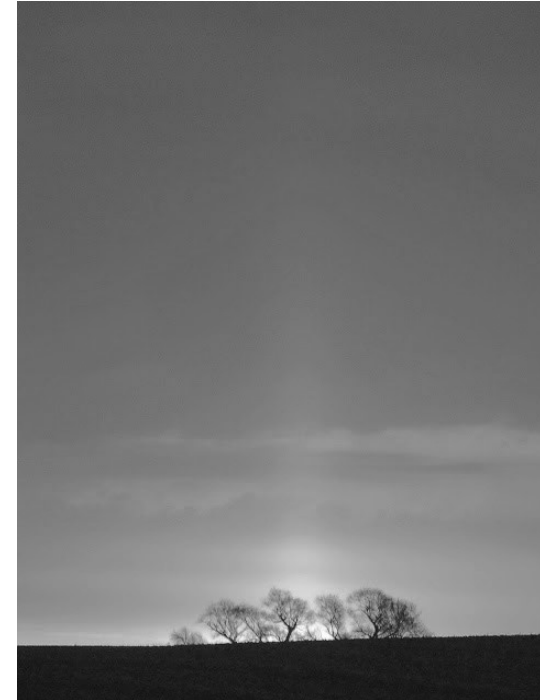
*“When Evening Falls and Labors Cease”*

*LUYH 395:1-3*

\*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

## August 15, 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.

### \*Song

*"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling"* *LUYH 507*

### \*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;

PEOPLE **the maker of heaven and earth.**

LEADER It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

PEOPLE **to sing your praise, O Most High;**

LEADER to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

PEOPLE **and your faithfulness at night.**

### Prayer of Confession

LEADER Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess  
our sins to God.

*Silence*

LEADER Most merciful God,

PEOPLE **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

### Second Lesson

*Ephesians 5:3-21*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Resurrection Awakening

### \*Song

*"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"* *LUYH 389:1,3*

### The Prayers

#### Prayers of the People

LEADER Let us pray to the Lord;

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

*"Abana alathifi ssama/Abana in Heaven"* *LUYH 911*

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*

### \*Benediction

*Romans 15:13*

LEADER May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with  
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people  
and commanded your covenant forever;  
**holy and awesome is your name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
**God's praise endures forever.**

## The Canticle

*"Holy Is Your Name"*

Words: Luke 1:46-55, David Haas; Music: Irish Traditional  
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My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:  
you have looked upon your servant,  
you have visited your people.

*Chorus:*

*And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.*

I proclaim the power of God,  
you do marvels for your servants;  
Though you scatter the proud-hearted  
and destroy the might of princes. *(to chorus)*

To the hungry you give food, send the rich away empty.  
In your mercy you are mindful  
of the people you have chosen. *(to chorus)*

## The Lessons

First Lesson

*Proverbs 9:1-6, 10*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

**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 111*

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Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**