

LEADER May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us,
this night and forevermore.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

LEADER The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his
face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the
Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

PEOPLE **Alleluia! Amen.**

*Song

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LUYH 863:1,2,4,6

*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

October 10, 2021

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture *Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)*

LEADER Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?
Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover
your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk
with me and work with me—watch how I do it.
Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay
anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company
with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *LUYH 579:1,2,4*

*Song

"In Thee Is Gladness"

LUYH 344

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER We pray to you, O God;
PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE **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

LEADER Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,
PEOPLE **that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep rest in his peace.**

The Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

- 12 Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**
**13 Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.**
**14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**
**15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.**
**16 May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.**
**17 May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

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 Lessons

The Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel *Mark 10:17-31*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle *Hebrews 4:12-16*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Bleeding Surgeon

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, 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

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

LUYH 737

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.**