

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**

"God of Mercy, God of Grace"

LUYH 934

***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

November 7, 2021

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Matthew 11:28-30

LEADER Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and
learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is
easy and my burden is light.

Silence

Song

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

LUYH 123

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.**

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE **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.**

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

The Psalm

Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.
- 2 In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
- 3 Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him.
- 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are children born in one's youth.
- 5 Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their opponents in court.

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 Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 9:23-28

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: One Sacrifice; Second Appearing

*Song

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LUYH 476:1-4

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.**

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.**

Song

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682