

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

*"When We Walk with the Lord"*

*LUYH 327*

### \*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 14, 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*

### 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

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

*LUYH 859*

### Prayer of Confession

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

### \*Song

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

*LUYH 325*

### 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.**

3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
 “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”  
 4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
 I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
 or take up their names on my lips.  
**5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
 you make my lot secure.**  
**6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
 surely I have a delightful inheritance.**  
**7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
 even at night my heart instructs me.**  
**8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
 With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**  
 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
 my body also will rest secure,  
 10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
 nor will you let your faithful one see decay.  
**11 You make known to me the path of life;  
 you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
 with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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 13:1-8*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.  
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle *Hebrews 10:11-39*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.  
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Persevere

*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 us, forgive us all our  
 sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in  
 all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 keep us 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

*“Worthy Is Christ”* *LUYH 605*

## The Psalm

*Psalm 16*

1 Keep me safe, my God,  
 for in you I take refuge.  
 2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
 apart from you I have no good thing.”