

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.**

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.

Song

"Be Still and Know" LUYH 907

*Benediction

Revelation 1:4-6

LEADER Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

*Song

"Jesus Shall Reign" LUYH 219:1,4,5

*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 21, 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 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LEADER We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the
universe and have sent your Son to be King of kings.

PEOPLE **We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the
powers of this world and governs the nations
in justice and righteousness.**

LEADER We celebrate his victory in his life, death,
resurrection, and ascension to honor and might
at your side.

PEOPLE **By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty,
establish Christ's rule in every land
and in every heart.**

LEADER Accept our homage as we offer our lives
in the service of Christ's kingdom.

PEOPLE **He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

*Song

"He Is Lord"

LUYH 227:1-3

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Let us pray to Christ the King. He is the firstborn of
all creation; all things exist in him.

PEOPLE **May your kingdom come, O Lord.**

LEADER Christ, our King and Shepherd, gather your sheep
from every land.

PEOPLE **Give them pasture in green and fertile meadows.**

LEADER Christ our leader and Savior, form all men into your
own people, heal the sick, seek out the lost, guard
the strong,

PEOPLE **call back those who have wandered away,
strengthen those who waver, gather all sheep
into one flock.**

LEADER Judge of all ages, when you hand over your kingdom
to the Father, place us at your right hand,

PEOPLE **so that we may inherit the kingdom prepared
for us from the beginning of the world.**

LEADER Prince of peace, break the weapons of war,

PEOPLE **and inspire the nations with your peace.**

LEADER Christ, heir of all nations, gather humanity and all
the good things of your creation into the kingdom of
your Church which your Father bestowed on you,

PEOPLE **so that the whole body of your people, united in
the Holy Spirit, may acknowledge you as their
head.**

LEADER Christ, firstborn of the dead and first fruits of those
who have fallen asleep in death,

PEOPLE **bring all who have died to the glory of the
resurrection.**

LEADER Holy God, accept our prayers in the name of Jesus
who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

The Psalm

Psalm 110

- 1 The Lord says to my lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”
- 2 The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,
“Rule in the midst of your enemies!”
- 3 Your troops will be willing
on your day of battle.
Arrayed in holy splendor,
your young men will come to you
like dew from the morning’s womb.
- 4 The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind:
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.
- 7 He will drink from a brook along the way,
and so he will lift his head high.

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 Epistle

Colossians 1:15-20

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

*Song

“Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor”

LUYH 75

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 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

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LUYH 208