

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.**

*Song

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

LUYH 903

*Sharing the Peace

LEADER The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

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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Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022

Words of Welcome

LEADER Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Opening Scripture

Psalm 139:10-11

LEADER If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Silence

Opening Prayer

LEADER Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*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

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

LUYH 667

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.**

Collect

Holy God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. 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 50:1-6

1 The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

**2 From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.**

3 Our God comes
and will not be silent;
**a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.**

4 He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 "Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

**6 And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.**

LEADER Glory be to the Father, and the to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be. Alleluia. Amen.**

Song

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

LUYH 9

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

Luke 9:28-43

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Listen as Love

*Song

"Be Still, for the Presence"

LUYH 532

Prayer of Confession

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

"O Christ, the Lamb of God"

LUYH 630

The Assurance

Psalm 103:11-12

LEADER

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our sins from us.

LEADER

O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE

O Lord, make haste to help us.

LEADER

Glory be to the Father, and the to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be. Alleluia. Amen.**