

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 we may rest in his peace.**

LEADER Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
a Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

PEOPLE **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

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

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.  
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Blessing

LEADER The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.  
PEOPLE **Amen.**

### \*Song

*"Abide with Me"* *LUYH 466:1-3*

*\*Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.*

# Lenten Vespers

A service of evening prayer at Covenant CRC



Welcome to Vespers.

This service of evening prayer will use liturgies from *The Book of Common Prayer* that lead us to pray and ponder through psalms, silence, songs, and meditation, and will act as a way to gather up the events and cares of our days in prayer.

# First Sunday of Lent

## March 6, 2022

### Words of Welcome

LEADER The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night  
and a perfect end.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

### \*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;

PEOPLE **who made heaven and earth.**

LEADER It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

PEOPLE **to sing your praise, O Most High,**

LEADER to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

PEOPLE **and your faithfulness at night.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*"O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise"* LUYH 502:1-4,6

### Prayer of Confession

*Silence*

LEADER Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

PEOPLE **we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### Song

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"* LUYH 627:1-3

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### \*Song

*"I Love You, Lord"*

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

### The Prayers

LEADER Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

PEOPLE **for you have redeemed me, O Lord,  
O God of truth.**

LEADER Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

PEOPLE **hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

LEADER Lord, have mercy.

PEOPLE **Christ, have mercy.**

LEADER Lord, have mercy.

### 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

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or

3 Surely he will save you  
 from the fowler's snare  
 and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers,  
 and under his wings you will find refuge;  
 his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

5 You will not fear the terror of night,  
 nor the arrow that flies by day,  
 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
 nor the plague that destroys at midday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
 ten thousand at your right hand,  
 but it will not come near you.

8 You will only observe with your eyes  
 and see the punishment of the wicked.

9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"  
 and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
 10 no harm will overtake you,  
 no disaster will come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
 to guard you in all your ways;  
 12 they will lift you up in their hands,  
 so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
 you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;  
 I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
 I will be with him in trouble,  
 I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him  
 and show him my salvation."

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 will be for ever. Amen.**

Testimony: Remember—God is with Us

## The Assurance

*Psalm 103:11-12*

LEADER May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our  
 sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

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

## Song

*"God Is So Good"*

*LUYH 777:1,2,4*

## The Psalms

Psalm 77:11-15

11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
 yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

**12 I will consider all your works  
 and meditate on all your mighty deeds."**

13 Your ways, God, are holy.  
 What god is as great as our God?

**14 You are the God who performs miracles;  
 you display your power among the peoples.**

15 With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,  
 the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
 yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.**

*Silence*

Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
 will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
 my God, in whom I trust."