

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 16:7-8

LEADER I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Silence

*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;

PEOPLE **who made 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

"Within Our Darkest Night"

LUYH 417

Prayer of Confession

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

Silence

LEADER Most merciful God,

PEOPLE **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

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.**

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.**

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*Parting Song

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

LUYH 938

*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.

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

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

Testimony: Channon & Joni Visscher

*Song

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" LUYH 441:1,2

The Gospel *John 12:1-11*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Love to Death

*Song of Response

"To My Precious Lord" LUYH 136

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

Song

"When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor" LUYH 294:1,2,5

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.**

**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 *I Peter 2:24*

LEADER Therefore, Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on
the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Song

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LUYH 175

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.

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

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

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

The Psalm *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.**