

Notes on Isaiah 12...

What is the context of our lives... It is one of...

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Application:

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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 141:1-2

LEADER O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Silence

*Greeting

I Corinthians 13:14

LEADER May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;
PEOPLE **the maker of 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.**

*Song

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LUYH 575:1,2,4*

Prayer of Confession

Silence

LEADER Most merciful God,
PEOPLE **we confess that we have sinned against you**

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

Song

"Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

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Chorus:
Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

*Call to Service

LEADER Go forth to greet the world at work,
as here the Lord has greeted us in worship.
Go forth in the name of God the Creator,
PEOPLE **whose strength empowers us;**
LEADER in the name of Christ the Redeemer,
PEOPLE **whose love transforms us;**
LEADER and in the name of the Holy Spirit,
PEOPLE **whose presence guides us.**

*Sharing the Peace

LEADER The peace of the Lord be with you always.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

*Song

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" *LUYH 938*

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

LEADER We pray for those in the circle of friendship and love around us: children and parents; sisters and brothers; friends and neighbors; and for those especially in our thoughts today. In the lives of those we love,

PEOPLE **your kingdom come, your will be done.**

LEADER We pray for the church in its stand with the poor, in its love for the outcast and the ashamed, in its service to the sick and the neglected, in its proclamation of the gospel, in this land, in this place. In the life of the church,

PEOPLE **your kingdom come, your will be done.**

LEADER Stretch us now, O God; expand the horizons of our lives so that we are able to comprehend the mysterious and wonderful ways you are at work in the world, so that we can join that work with joy and thanksgiving. We pray by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, and as Jesus 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 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.**

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

**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

Psalm 66:16-20

LEADER Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

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. Alleluia. Amen.**

The Psalm

Psalm 30

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. Alleluia. Amen.**

Song

"I Worship You, O God"

LUYH 668

vs.1,2—all; vs.3—women & children; vs.4—men; vs.5—all

The First Lesson

II Kings 5:1-13

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 12

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: What Does One Live For?

(A sermon notes page can be found on the back page of the bulletin.)

*Song of Response

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

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The grace of God has reached for me,
and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,
his strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

Chorus:

Who is like the Lord our God?

Strong to save, faithful in love.

*My debt is paid and the victory won:
the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
he flow'rs each promise of his Word.
When winter fades I know spring will come:
the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know his grace will renew these days:
the Lord is my salvation. *(to chorus)*

And when I reach the final day,
he will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, he will call me home:
the Lord is my salvation. *(to chorus)*

Bridge:

*Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.*

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Gracious God, rejoicing in your blessings, trusting in your loving care for all, we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for the created world: for those who rebuild where things have been destroyed; for those who fight hunger, poverty and disease; for those who have power to bring change for the better and to renew hope.

In the life of our world,

PEOPLE **your kingdom come, your will be done.**

LEADER We pray for our country: for those who frame our laws and shape our common life; for those who keep the peace and administer justice; for those who teach, those who heal, and all who serve the community.

In the life of our land,

PEOPLE **your kingdom come, your will be done.**

LEADER We pray for people in need: those for whom life is a bitter struggle; those whose lives are clouded by death or loss, by pain or disability, by discouragement or fear, by shame or rejection.

In the lives of those in need,

PEOPLE **your kingdom come, your will be done.**