

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 the 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

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

*Parting Song

"See My Hands and Feet" *LUYH 929:1,2,4*

*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



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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Hebrews 12:28-29

LEADER Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Silence

Song

"Bless the Lord, My Soul" *LUYH 836*

*Greeting

Philippians 1:2

LEADER Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*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

"Give Praise to Our God" *LUYH 566*

Prayer of Confession

Silence

5 For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.

6 **From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.**

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 Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:1-10

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: God's Words in Our Mouths

*Song of Response

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" *LUYH 754:1,3,5*

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Lord, in your righteousness,

PEOPLE **deliver us and set us free.**

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**

But the steadfast love of God,
shown to those who fear his name,
is from all eternity
to eternity the same.

His unfailing righteousness
shall to children's children be,
to the ones who cov'nant keep
and his good commandments heed.
God the Lord has set his throne;
in the heavens it shall stand,
and his sov'reign kingdom rules
over all at his command.

Bless the Lord, you angel hosts,
mighty ones who do his word,
who obey his voice and word;
all his servants, bless the Lord!
All his hosts who do his will,
all his works in all his world
bless the Lord in ev'ry place.
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord!

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 71:1-6

- 1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 **In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.**
- 3 Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.**

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

Psalm 103:11-14

LEADER For as high as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he
removes our transgressions from us. As a father has
compassion for his children, so the Lord has
compassion for those who fear him. For he knows
how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

Song

"Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord"

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Come, my soul, and bless the Lord,
all within me bless his name!
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord;
and forget not all his grace:
all your sins the Lord forgives,
all your sicknesses he heals.
He redeems you from the pit;
his compassion he reveals.

So man flourishes and thrives
like a growing meadow flow'r.
When the wind blows, it is gone,
and its place is known no more.