

*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.

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Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 74:15-16

LEADER Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

Silence

*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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LUYH 730:1,2*

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,**

*Song of Response

"All Have Sinned"

LUYH 33

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

Silence

"O God of Every Nation"

LUYH 282:1-3

Prayer

"O God of Every Nation"

LUYH 282:4

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 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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LUYH 61:1,7
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- 3 All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.
- 4 Do all these evildoers know nothing?
They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on the Lord.
- 5 But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
for God is present in the company of the righteous.
- 6 You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

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 Epistle Reading

I Timothy 1:12-17

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Song

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LUYH 824:1,3,6

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-28

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Cosmic Disaster; Creator-Redeemer

**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

LEADER There is no one righteous, not even one. For all have
sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are
justified freely by his grace through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus.

PEOPLE **Blessed are those whose transgressions are
forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are
those whose sins the Lord will never count
against them.**

Song

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LUYH 521:3

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 14

1 The fool says in his heart,
"There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven
on all mankind

to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.