

# 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.

# Christ the King Sunday

## November 20, 2022

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*Psalm 141:2*

LEADER Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*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

*"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"*

*LUYH 584*

### 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,  
and by what we have left undone.**

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.**

### \*Benediction

*Revelation 1:4-6*

LEADER Grace to you and peace from him who is and who  
was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits  
who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and  
the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves  
us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and  
made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God  
and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever  
and ever.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

### \*Parting Song

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*LUYH 223:1,2,4*

### \*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.*

Praise Him with singing and dancing;  
praise Him with flutes and strings of all kinds!  
5 Praise Him with crashing cymbals,  
loud clashing cymbals!  
6 No one should be left out;  
Let every man and every beast—  
every creature that has the breath of the Lord—  
praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

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 Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### The Epistle Reading *Colossians 1:9-23*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Peace through Blood

#### \*Song of Response

*"The First Place"* *LUYH 15*

#### The Prayers

Prayers of the People *Colossians 1:11-20*

with *"Be Still and Know"* *LUYH 907*

#### 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

**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 In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

### Song

*"He Is Lord"* *LUYH 227:1-3*

### The Psalm

*Psalms 150*

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the True God inside His temple.

Praise Him beneath massive skies,  
under moonlit stars and rising sun.

2 Praise Him for His powerful acts, redeeming His people.

Praise Him for His greatness  
that surpasses our time and understanding.

3-4 Praise Him with the blast of trumpets high into the heavens,  
and praise Him with harps and lyres  
and the rhythm of the tambourines skillfully played by those  
who love and fear the Lord.