

Song

“The Night Song”

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In the darkness, God will keep me.
He will stay and never sleep.
In the darkness, God is brighter,
though the night is long and deep.

Chorus:

*All this day your hand has held me,
God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness.
You will hold me through the night.*

In the shadows, you are with me
and you know my ev'ry fear.
In the shadows, none can harm me
for the mighty King is here. *(to chorus)*

So I find my rest in Jesus, he who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness,
I will rise to life with Him. *(to chorus)*

*Closing Sentences

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.**

*Parting Song

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” LUYH 965

*Sharing the Peace

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

Cadet Sunday 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.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Isaiah 9:2

LEADER The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Silence

Collect for Epiphany

LEADER God of mystery, by the leading of a star, you revealed your only Son to the gentiles, lead us, who have already come to know you by faith, all the way to the contemplation of the beauty of your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;

PEOPLE **the maker of 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

"Here I Am to Worship"

LUYH 567

Song

"How Great Is Our God"

LUYH 574

The Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:1-7

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Water and Life

Song

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

LUYH 800

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE **hear our prayer.**

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

Moment for Ministry: Cadets

Cadet Sunday Litany

LEADER This year's one-word Cadet theme is "Amazing."
And this litany, based on verses from Psalm 8 and
Psalm 24, acknowledge what an amazing God we
have.

CADETS **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all
the earth!**

PEOPLE **You have set your glory in the heavens.**

LEADER The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
CADETS **the world, and all who live in it;**
PEOPLE **for he founded it on the seas and established it
on the waters.**

LEADER When I consider the heavens, the work of your
fingers,
CADETS **the moon and the stars, which you have set in
place,**

PEOPLE **what is mankind that you are mindful of them,**
LEADER human beings that you care for them?
CADETS **Who may ascend to the mountain of the Lord?**
PEOPLE **Who may stand in his holy place?**

LEADER Who is this King of glory?
CADETS **The Lord strong and mighty,**
PEOPLE **the Lord mighty in battle.**

LEADER Who is this King of glory?
CADETS **The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.**
PEOPLE **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all
the earth!**

LEADER In Joshua 3:5, Joshua told the Israelites to
consecrate themselves, for tomorrow the Lord will
do amazing things among you.

ALL **We praise you, Lord, for you are an amazing God
and you continue to do amazing things among
us.**

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. 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 for
give us; that we may delight in your will, and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

The Assurance

John 1:9,12

LEADER The true light that gives light to everyone was
coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive
him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the
right to become children of God.

Song

"Living For Jesus"

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Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please Him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free—
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Living for Jesus, who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace:
such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow His leading, and give Him my all.

Chorus:

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to you,
for you, in your atonement, did give yourself for me.
I own no other master—my heart shall be your throne:
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ for you alone.*