

## 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.**

LEADER May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Parting Song

*"Abide with Me"*

*LUYH 466:1,3,5*

## \*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.

# Transfiguration Sunday

## February 19, 2023

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*John 8:12*

LEADER Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*Silence*

### Song

*"Christ, Be Our Light"*

*LUYH 908:1,2*

### Greeting

LEADER Grace 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 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

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*LUYH 579:1,2,4*

### Prayer of Confession

*Silence*

he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on his name;  
they called on the Lord  
and he answered them.  
7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.  
8 Lord our God,  
you answered them;  
you were to Israel a forgiving God,  
though you punished their misdeeds.  
9 Exalt the Lord our God  
and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the Lord our God is holy.

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

*Exodus 24:12-18*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

*Psalm 2*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: The Lord Laughs and Rules

### \*Song

*"Jesus Is Our King"*

*LUYH 602*

### The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Lord, in your mercy,  
PEOPLE **hear our prayer.**

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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.**

## O Gracious Light

PEOPLE **O gracious light, pure brightness of the  
everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy  
and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of  
the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we  
sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised  
by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 99*

- 1 The Lord reigns,  
let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.
- 2 Great is the Lord in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name—  
he is holy.
- 4 The King is mighty, he loves justice—  
you have established equity;  
in Jacob you have done  
what is just and right.
- 5 Exalt the Lord our God  
and worship at his footstool;

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 103:11-12*

LEADER For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far does God remove our sins from us.

## Song

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

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How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.