

# 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.

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 18, 2024

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*Psalm 25:5*

LEADER Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

*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

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*LUYH 553:1-3*

### 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**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Collect

PEOPLE

**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

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

PEOPLE

**Amen.**

### \*Parting Song

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

*LUYH 946:1-2*

### \*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.*

according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

- 8 **Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**  
9 **He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.**  
10 **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love  
and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

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. Amen.**

### The Gospel Reading *Mark 1:9-15*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### The Epistle Reading *I Peter 3:13-22*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Renewing Our Baptisms

#### \*Song of Response

*"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus "* *LUYH 796:1-2*

### The Prayers

Prayers of the People: Sharing our Joys & Concerns

#### 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**

**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 Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all  
your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen  
you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### Song

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"* *LUYH 148:1,2,6*

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

LEADER Glory 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. Amen.**

### The Psalm *Psalms 25:1-10*

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.**

5 **Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;