

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 Ride on Lord Jesus. Upon a colt, over cloaks, under  
branches – ride on Lord Jesus.

PEOPLE **Towards a city, through its gates, past the  
crowds – ride on Lord Jesus.**

LEADER As Hosannas fade and enemies sneer, as danger  
closes and friends falter – ride on Lord Jesus.

PEOPLE **Showing the way, teaching the truth, bringing  
life for all. In the name of the Lord – ride on Lord  
Jesus.**

### \*Parting Song

*“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”* LUYH 149

### \*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.

# Sixth Sunday of Lent

## March 24, 2024

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*Philippians 2:5-8*

LEADER In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

*Silence*

### Song

*"We Are People on a Journey"* *LUYH 142:1,2*

### \*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 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.**

### The Gospel Reading

*Mark 14:35-15:32*

### Song

*"What Wondrous Love"* *LUYH 164:1-2*

### The Gospel Reading

*Mark 15:33-41*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: How He Died

### \*Song of Response

*"Were You There"* *LUYH 166:1-2*

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

LEADER Lord, hear our prayer;  
PEOPLE **and let our cry come to you.**

### Collect

LEADER 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*

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 **This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.**

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

22 **The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;**

23 the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 **The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

25 Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!

26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

27 The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
**With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.**

28 You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.**

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 14:1-9*

Solo  
*"To My Precious Lord"* *LUYH 136:1-2*

The Gospel Reading *Mark 14:10-34*

Song  
*"Stay with Me"* *LUYH 159*

\*Song  
*"Across the Lands"* *LUYH 775*

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

The Assurance *Romans 5:8*

LEADER But God demonstrated his own love for us in this:  
PEOPLE **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Song  
*"Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor"* *LUYH 75*

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 118:1-2, 19-29*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
2 **Let Israel say:  
"His love endures forever."**