

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.**

*Benediction

Philippians 4:7

LEADER The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

*Parting Song

"Glory Be to the Father"

LUYH 959

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.

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

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

Song

"Father, We Love You"

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Father, we love you, we worship and adore You,
glorify your name in all the earth,
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you...

Spirit, we love you...

*Greeting

Philippians 1:2

LEADER Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*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 of Thanksgiving

"Holy, holy, holy Lord..."

LUYH 810

The Institution

The Memorial Acclamation

LEADER Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Song of Acclamation

"Christ has died..."

LUYH 810

Prayer of Consecration

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.**

Passing the Elements

"There Is a Redeemer"

LUYH 833

"Eat This Bread"

LUYH 818

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Loving God, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In
giving all, you have not withheld from us your own
dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you,
our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with
the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves
completely to your service and walk with joy in the
footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 **The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.**
- 8 **The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**
- 11 **The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

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 Epistle Reading

Romans 8:31-39

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Love Never Fails

*Song of Preparation

"Remembering with Love and Hope" *LUYH 809:1,2,4,5*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

*Song

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

LUYH 540

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

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

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. Alleluia! Amen.**

The Psalm

Psalms 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,