

## \*Parting Song

*"All Praise to You, My God, This Night"*

LUYH 394

## \*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.

The Vesper Sparrow is named after its tendency to sing most gloriously during the vesper (evening) hours after most other species have quieted for the night. As we pray and ponder and praise using liturgies from *The Book of Common Prayer*, may we join the creation in bringing glory to our Creator as we close out the day.

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# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

## October 20, 2024

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*Psalm 42:8,11*

LEADER By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

*Silence*

### Song

*“As the Deer”*

*LUYH 503*

### \*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 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

*“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”*

*LUYH 398*

### \*Song of Response

*“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”*

*LUYH 172:1,3,4*

### 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*

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.**

2 The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
 he stretches out the heavens like a tent  
 3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.  
**He makes the clouds his chariot  
 and rides on the wings of the wind.**  
 4 **He makes winds his messengers,  
 flames of fire his servants.**  
 5 **He set the earth on its foundations;  
 it can never be moved.**  
 6 You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
 the waters stood above the mountains.  
 7 **But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
 at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;**  
 8 **they flowed over the mountains,  
 they went down into the valleys,  
 to the place you assigned for them.**  
 9 You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
 never again will they cover the earth.  
 24 **How many are your works, Lord!  
 In wisdom you made them all;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.**  
 35 **Praise the Lord.**

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 *Hebrews 5:1-10*

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

The Gospel Reading *Mark 10:35-45*

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

Meditation: What We Ask and What Jesus Gives

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 *Isaiah 53:4-5*

LEADER Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our  
 diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck  
 down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for  
 our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon  
 him was the punishment that made us whole, and  
 by his bruises we are healed.  
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Song *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" LUYH 876*

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 104:1-9, 24, 35b*

1 Lord my God, you are very great;  
 you are clothed with splendor and majesty.