

PEOPLE **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.**

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.**

*Parting Song

"View the Present Through the Promise" LUYH 470

*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.

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Revelation 1:7-8

LEADER Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Silence

Song

"Wait for the Lord" *LUYH 480*

*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 This is the time when light fades and shadows lengthen and sounds are subdued—all as God intended.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER This is the time when bodies relax, minds unwind, and tiredness comes—all as God intended.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER This is the time when others greet the morning while we meet the night, and the world continues to sing, in all the accents of creation, a love-song to its Maker.

PEOPLE **Blessed be God's name.**

show us your glory, full of grace and truth. In him we have been brought out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Amen.

The Institution

The Memorial Acclamation

LEADER Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

PEOPLE **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Dying, he destroyed our death. Rising, he restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.**

The Communion

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LUYH 831:1,3,4

"He Is Exalted"

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He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the king is exalted on high.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Lord, 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.

The Psalm

Psalm 93

- 1 The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
**the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.**
- 2 Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.
- 3 **The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.**
- 4 Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.
- 5 **Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.**

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.**

Meditation: Our Lord Opens Minds

*Song of Response

"He Is Lord"

LUYH 227

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

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.**

LEADER With joy, we praise you, gracious God, for you
created heaven and earth, made us in your image,
and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into
sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who came among us as the Word made flesh to

*Song

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

LUYH 9

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 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.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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 Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**