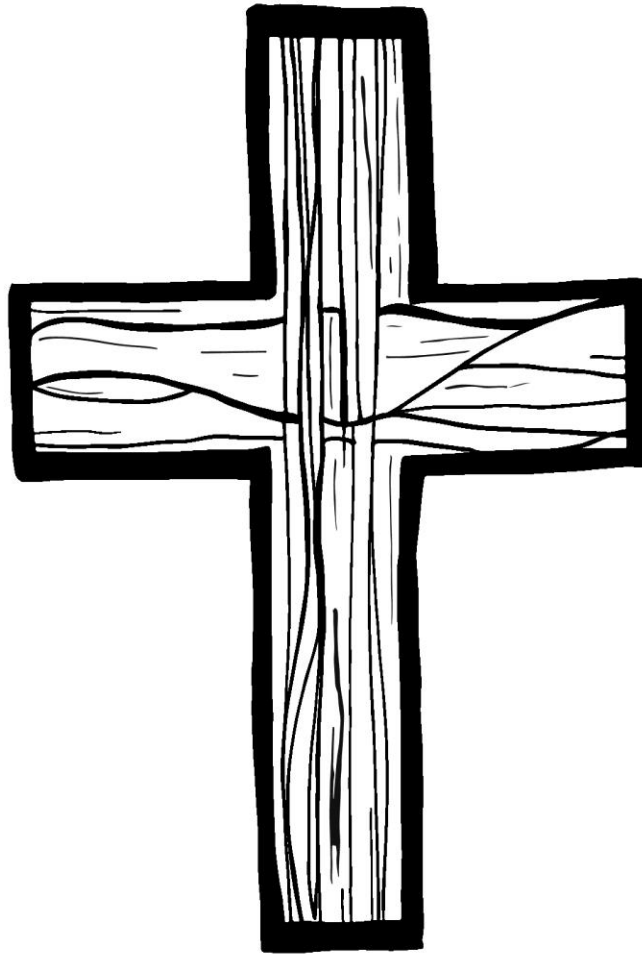


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Lenten Vespers 2

February 28, 2024

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

The Service of Evening Prayer has its origin in the Old Testament tradition of praying at fixed hours of the day. In the Church such a service was first practiced in the homes and then moved on to use in congregations and monasteries. The emphasis of the Service of Evening Prayer is Jesus Christ as the Light of the world.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION



☐ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, ☐ the light no darkness can over- come.



☐ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning, ☐ and the day is almost o- ver.



☐ Let your light scat- ter the dark-ness, ☐ and illumine your Church.

HYMN



☐ Joy-ous light of glo - ry: ☐ of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;



heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.



We have come to the set- ting of the sun, and we look to the eve- ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa- ther, Son, and Ho- ly Spir - it: You are wor- thy of



be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,



O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving concludes the Service of Light.



① The Lord be with you. ② And al - so with you.

① Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ② It is right to give him thanks and praise.

① Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people
Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp
to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,
and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ② A - men

PSALMODY

The Psalmody begins with this song for forgiveness and protection.



② Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

① O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

② Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

① Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

② Let not my heart in-cline to an-y e-vil thing; let me not be oc-cu-

pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers. ① But my eyes are

turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref-uge. Strip me not of my life.

② Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

① as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

③ Let my prayer rise be-fore you as in-cense;

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

Silence for meditation.

P Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

C Amen.

The congregation is seated.

READING 1 John 1:3

We declare to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Pastor Wes Smith

LITANY

Congregation continues to hum after each "Lord have mercy".

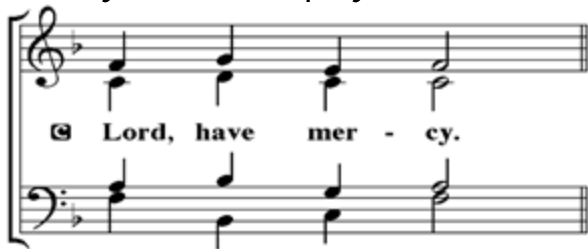
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



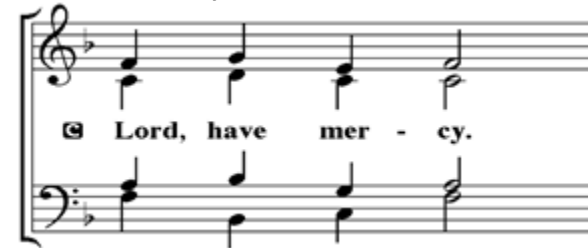
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



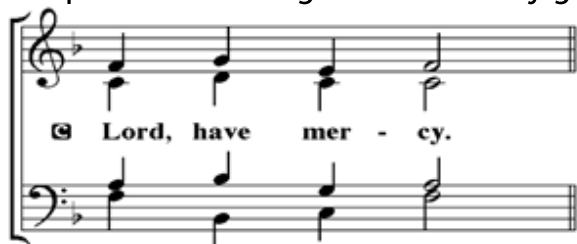
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



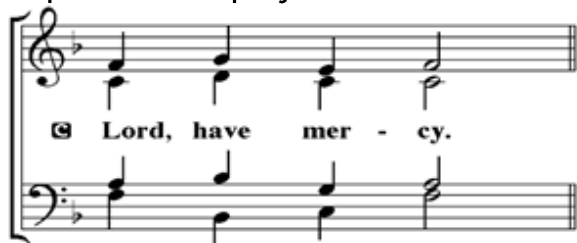
P For our pastor in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.



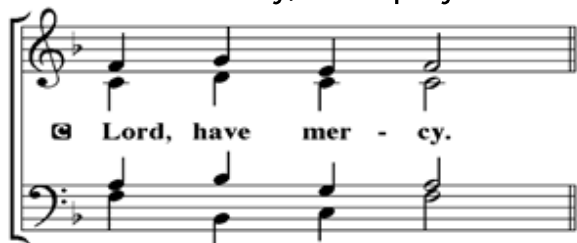
P For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.



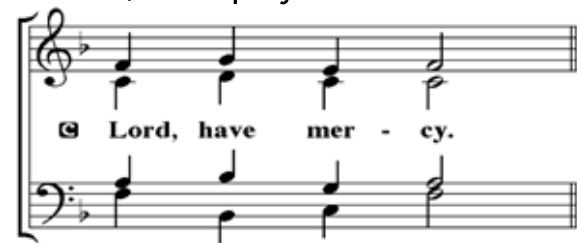
P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.



P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.



P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.



P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **C Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



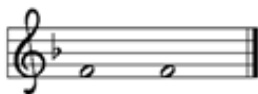
OFFERING

P Let us pray: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past, and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

BENEDICTION



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

Please take out the red hymnal.

HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown **vs. 3-4**

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Silence for prayer

POSTLUDE

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