




A Reconciling in Christ congregation,  
celebrating the diversity of God's children  
and fostering understanding  
and healing in community 

# A Service of Lenten Evening Prayer



**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*



## Evening Hymn

### *God, What a Faith-Filled Mystery*

God, what a faith-filled mystery, That your own Child once died!  
In Christ is true humanity — your love — personified.

In all Christ chose to do and say, He followed you alone —  
Then other people turned away, For his love judged their own.


O Christ, we call you God and Lord, And loving Savior, too.  
In you, our lives have been restored; May we now live for you.

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## Evening Thanksgiving

*Leader:*  *All:* 

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

*Leader:* 

Let us sing our thanks to — God,

*All:* 

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led  
your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make  
our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light  
of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All:* 

A - - - - - men.

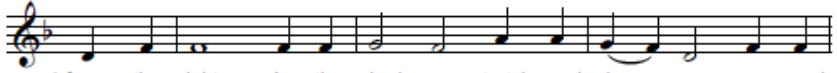
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# Evening Confession

## God of Day and God of Darkness



*mp* 1. God of day and God of dark - ness, now we stand be -  
*mf* 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, still the rich op -  
*mp* 4. You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that



1. fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and deep - en, come and  
2. press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and bro - ken by the  
4. in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all peo - ple, yours the



1. make our dark - ness bright. All cre - a - tion still is groan - ing  
2. ones who still want more. Come and wake us from our sleep - ing,  
4. love that we must learn for our hearts shall wan - der rest - less



1. for the dawn - ing of your might, when the Sun of peace and  
2. so our hearts can - not ig - nore, all your peo - ple lost and  
4. 'til they safe to you re - turn; find - ing you in one an -



1. jus - tice fills the earth with ra - diant light. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. bro - ken, all your chil - dren at our door. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. oth - er, we shall all your face dis - cern. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reading

## Spoken Reflection


## Musical Reflection

## Sung Psalm

### **Psalm 16: You Will Show Me the Path of Life**

All sing refrain; cantor sings v. 1, all sing refrain and remaining verses

Refrain To verses




Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.

Verses *unis.* *div.*




1. Faith-ful God, I look to you, you a-lone my life and  
2. From of old you are my her-i-tage, you my wis-dom and my  
3. So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest se-



for - tune, nev - er shall I look to oth-er gods,  
safe - ty, through the night you speak with - in my heart,  
cure - ly, you will not a - ban - don me to death,

*poco. rit.* *To refrain*



you shall be my one hope.  
si - lent - ly you teach me.  
you shall not de - sert me.

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# Evening Prayers

## There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*Refrain* – All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

All



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:  
2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:  
3 For heal - ing, for whole - ness, for new life:  
4 Lord, save us, take pit - y, light in our



hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:  
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:  
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:  
deep-est night. We call you; we wait:



*Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# Final Blessing

## Let Your Peace Rain upon Us

*Cantor sings first time; congregation sings three times*



*Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,*  
Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace.



*ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.*  
Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

Text: Palestinian traditional; tr. Mark Swanson, b. 1955, and Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: YARABBA SSALAMI, Palestinian traditional

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# 2023 Lenten Worship

## *Lenten Evening Prayer*



Wednesday evenings  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
7:00 pm  
IN-PERSON

## *Maundy Thursday* April 6



7:00 pm Worship with Foot- and Hand-Washing  
IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM



## *Good Friday* April 7

7:00 pm Worship – Seven Last Words of Christ  
Hosting Christ United Methodist Church  
IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM

## *Resurrection of Our Lord* Sunday, April 9

8:30 am  
IN-PERSON  
11:00 am Worship  
IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM

