

VESPERS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

JOIN US
FOR
Winter

EVENING
WORSHIP

EVERY 2ND & 4TH
SUNDAY EVENINGS
@6PM

THE

Table

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
Word of truth made flesh,
wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

HYMN OF LIGHT (see screen)

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,

**for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky to govern night and day.**

**In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led
your people into freedom.**

**Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and
with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son
Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and
forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY – (see screen)

READINGS

After each reading:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Gospel Reading

The holy Gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading:

The light shines in the darkness

And the darkness did not overcome it

SERMON

EVENING HYMN – (see screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,

and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

A time of silence follows

Let us pray:

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.**

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – ELW 189 (see screen)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION— On the night in which he was
betrayed...

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
**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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION—

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF GOD— ELW 199 (see screen)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the
Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – (see screen)