

LENTEN EVENING VESPERS SERVICE

OPENING MUSIC Bless the Lord, My Soul

Jacques Berthier

Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

OPENING SENTENCES:

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Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23

Howard Hughes, S.M.

My shep-herd is the Lord. My shep-herd is the Lord.

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(Congregation will sing refrain as directed.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-37

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

I lift my soul to you, Lord; I trust, O God, in you. Show me your paths and guide me; teach me all I should do. Remember your great mercy, your everlasting love; forgive me, God my Savior; my guilt and sin remove.

Your covenant and mercy are with me all my days to comfort and to bless me when I walk in your ways. Whenever I look upward, I find you waiting there, to bear me and to keep me safe in your loving care.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O God,
The lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

(Prayer continues...)

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Loving God, as you have shared life and love with us, lead us to share ourselves, that in the giving of our lives others may recognize your love. Direct our steps in discipleship, and protect our souls in faith, in the name of Jesus Christ, who commanded us to love by his righteous example, and who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING MUSIC Day Is Done

Welsh Melody
Ar hyd y nos

(Music may be found in blue Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 544, stanza 1.)

Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here.
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms every fear.
God our maker, none forsaking, take our hearts, of love's own making;
Watch our sleeping; guard our waking. Be always near.

THE BENEDICTION:

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)

Thank you to this evening's musicians, Ibbie Muntz, Margaret Harrison and Joanne Bendy.