

LENTEN EVENING VESPERS SERVICE

PRELUDE O Lord, Hear My Prayer

OPENING SENTENCES:

St. Augustine (354-430)

O God, full of compassion,
I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know.
 Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way.
Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings.
 Let my heart, this sea of restless waves,
find peace in you, O God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:22-34

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

MUSIC O Lord, Hear My Prayer

(Cantors will sing once. Congregation will sing two times.)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
 The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
 Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

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

DUET Were You There?

African-American Spiritual
arr. Melva Wilson Costen

Deborah Phillips and Lisa Ellis

THE BENEDICTION:

May the Lord, who is our peace, give us peace at all times and in every way.

Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)