

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

SILENT MEDITATION

OPENING SENTENCES:

Lord, open unto me.  
 Open unto me - **light for my darkness.** Open unto me - **courage for my fear.**  
 Open unto me - **hope for my despair.** Open unto me - **peace for my turmoil.**  
 Open unto me - **joy for my sorrow.** Open unto me - **strength for my weakness.**  
 Open unto me - **wisdom for my confusion.** Open unto me - **forgiveness for my sins.**  
 Open unto me - **love for my hates.** Open unto me - **thy Self for my self.**  
 Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

OPENING HYMN Come and Fill Our Hearts

(Leader will sing through once, then all repeat three times.)

Jacques Berthier

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no

You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts  
 quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni

with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-15

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

LENTEN HYMN O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me.  
 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:

In the time of silence, you are invited to mediate on the following prayer adapted from Psalm 63.

As I lie down this night in the shadow of your wings,  
 God of my life,  
 I know that you will be with me  
 even as you have helped me through this day.  
 Whether I am weary from the day,  
 or whether the day has been a rich feast of blessings,  
 I give thanks for your power and glory,  
 which are present in every circumstance.  
 As I give myself over to rest and sleep,  
 I remember that your steadfast love is better than life.  
 So, I pray, surround me with your love tonight and always.  
 In the peace of Christ I pray. Amen.

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. As we continue our Lenten journey, help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LENTEN HYMN** Wait for the Lord

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*(Leader will sing through once, then all repeat three times.)*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**THE BENEDICTION:**

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

**Amen.**

**PASS THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)*

Thank you to Deborah Phillips, Lisa Ellis, Joanne Bendy and Jo Ann Powell for their enrichment of our worship this evening.

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