

Music Meditation

Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God *Kedron*

Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.
Our hearts, if God we seek to know shall know him and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be, like morning songs shall be.
As dew upon the tender herb, diffusing fragrance round;
As show'rs that usher in the spring, and cheer the thirsty ground:
So shall his presence bless our souls, and shed a joyful light;
That hallowed morn shall chase away the sorrows of the night.

Prayer of Response *Dr. Fox*

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN *Close to Thee* *Close to Thee*

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend of life to me,
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior let me walk with thee.
Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *My Faithful Heart Rejoice* Op. 122, No. 4 *Johannes Brahms*

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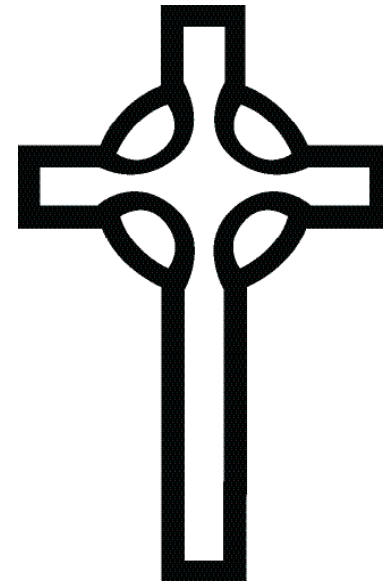
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LENTEN VESPERS

March 9, 2022



*"Let us know,
let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn."*

Hosea 6:3



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LENTEN VESPERS

Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table

7:00 PM Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our 7:00 pm Vespers services, with the exception of the balcony and transepts where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to help you find the seating area where you will be most comfortable.

PRELUDE Clair de Lune Op. 53, No. 5 Louis Vierne
Todd Fickley, organ

WELCOME Dr. David Renwick

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

One O Lord, open my lips,

All And my mouth will declare your praise.

One You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

All You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

One The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All A broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN Will You Let Me Be Your Servant *The Servant Song*

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold Christ's light before you in the nighttime of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Richard Gillard

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Fox

Open our eyes, O Lord,

and help us to see ourselves as you see us.

In repentance of what we are,

help us to cast ourselves in trust upon your love.

Speak to us your word of pardon,

for our trust is not in any virtue or wisdom of our own,

but only in the mercy and love of God,

which you have shown us most clearly

in the life and death of your Son our only Savior.

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *I Love the Lord*

Choir

I love the Lord, who heard my cry, and pitied every groan.

Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

Congregation

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.

O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

SCRIPTURE Hosea 6:1-3; 14:1-7 Dr. Fox

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. ²Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him, "Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips. ³Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; we will say no more, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy."

⁴I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. ⁵I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. ⁶His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. ⁷They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

The Mighty Minor Prophets: Hosea

Love—Gentle and Tough

Dr. Renwick

Hosea 6:4-6, 13:4-11

HYMN 282 *verses 1 & 2*

Wer nur den lieben Gott

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Fox

Invitation to the Table

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