

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

MUSICAL OFFERING

SILENT MEDITATION

OPENING SENTENCES:

The cross... **We shall take it.**
 The bread... **We shall break it.**
 The pain... **We shall bear it.**
 The joy... **We shall share it.**
 The gospel... **We shall live it.**
 The love... **We shall give it.**
 The light... **We shall cherish it.**
 The darkness... **God shall perish it.**
Amen.

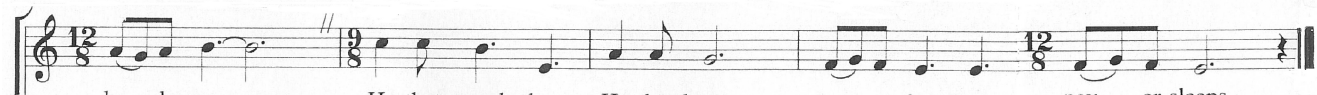
OPENING HYMN Close Thine Eyes

W. H. Belyea

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



Close thine eyes ___ and sleep se-cure. ___ Thy soul is safe, ___ thy



bo - dy sure. ___ He that guards thee, He that keeps nev - er slum-bers, nev - er sleeps.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

LENTEN HYMN Guárdame Señor (Bless and Keep Us, Lord)

Mark Sedio

(Please sing along for refrain.)

Guárdame Señor, oh Dios, mi amor,
 Pon en mi un corazón limpio,
 Guárdame Señor, guárdame, Señor.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O God,

Hear our prayers, O God, and be in our thoughts...

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them.

May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding...

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them.

Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus...

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence.

May your ever-present Spirit abide with them...

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love.

May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding...

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement. We also pray for those who have died.

Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus...

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those whose needs are known to us, and those whose names we do not know, but who are known to you.

May your ever-present Spirit abide with them.

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LENTEN HYMN Amazing Grace

arr. Meredith Mackay

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

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)

Thank you to Meredith Mackay, JP Mackay, Caroline Rowcliffe and Bob Adamcik for their enrichment of our worship this evening.