

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer. While we are living in a dispersed community, we are grateful that the Spirit of God joins us together, blesses the space between us, and assures us of God's presence and peace in these troubling times.

Worship with us this Sunday. We hope you will join us for Sunday morning worship by gathering with us online at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. You can join on our website: firstpresevansville.com (click on the blue "livestream" icon) or on our Facebook page: facebook.com/firstpresevansville



The Prelude

"Élégie"

César Franck

The Opening Sentences

One Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening

All **and the day is almost over.**

One God reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what is hidden in darkness.
God is surrounded by light.

All **To you, O God, we give thanks and praise.**

The Hymn

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Southwell

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery be Thou my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point Thou the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see and share Thy joy at last.**

The Thanksgiving for the Light

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The prayer continues...

One Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**All Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all the benefits of the LORD,**

One who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**All who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

One who satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**All The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

One To Moses were made known God's ways
and to the children of Israel the works of the LORD.

**All The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

One The LORD will not always accuse us
nor remain angry forever.

**All The LORD has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

One For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is the LORD's mercy great upon the God-fearing.

**All As far as the east is from the west,
so far has the LORD removed our sins from us.**

One As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for the God-fearing.

**All For the LORD knows whereof we are made
and remembers that we are but dust.**

One Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;

**All when the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.**

One But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures forever on the God-fearing,
and the righteousness of the LORD on children's children;

**All on those who keep the holy covenant
and remember the commandments and do them.**

One The LORD has set up a throne in heaven,
and the sovereignty of the LORD has dominion over all.

**All Bless the LORD, you holy angels,
you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
and hearken to the voice of God's word.**

One Bless the LORD, all you holy hosts,
you holy ministers who do God's will.

**All Bless the LORD, all you works of God,
in all places of God's dominion;
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

The Evening Lesson

John 14:15-17, 27

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you...Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Reading

“What’s Peace?”

D. Ian MacInnes-Green

Peace, Peace, They all cry Peace
They seem to agree, Peace is not found.
Absence of war, or communion with God?
Peace on your terms or Peace on mine?
What is the Peace they all cry for?

Crime in the streets, war far from home
Drugs for kids, guns for all
Homeless wander Downtown
Looking for a crumb to eat
What is the Peace they all cry for?

Children learn anger, wives find abuse
Someone spends a fortune to savor the night
While another shivers on the street
The Headlines read hate, blood and pain
What is the Peace they all cry for?

The rich and the poor, together one
Anger and hurt healed, compassion is the rule
Beyond war, Beyond hate. Beyond fear and hunger
The call to love God, others and ourselves as one
That is the Peace I cry for.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O Lord,
All the lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

The prayer continues...

The Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

**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.**

The Closing Hymn

“Now the Day is Over”

Merrial

**Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh,
Shadows of the evening steal across the sky.**

**Jesus, give the weary calm and sweet repose;
With Thy tenderest blessing may mine eyelids close.**

**Comfort those who suffer, watching late in pain;
Those who plan some evil from their sin restrain.**

**When the morning wakens, then may I arise
Pure, and fresh, and sinless in Thy holy eyes.**

The Dismissal

One May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

All **Amen.**

One Bless the Lord.

All **The Lord's name be praised.**

The Postlude

“O Christ, Lamb of God” (BWV 619)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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