LENTEN VESPERS

March 17, 2021

As we turn on lamps at dusk, we greet the evening by welcoming God to abide with us anew.

Hymn *Come now, O Prince of Peace (in back of bulletin)*

Opening
Create in me a clean heart O God:
and renew a right spirit within me. *Psalm 51:10*

Prayer

Holy God, in love you created us and called our being "good." With open hearts, we praise you for your unfailing love. With open hands, we offer you our labors. Bless and guide us now as our day turns toward evening; through your grace, may we share with others the love we receive from you. In the name of God our Creator, Jesus our brother, and the Spirit who lights our way.
Amen.

Scripture: **Philippians 3: 10-14**
I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Music Interlude: *Voluntary* Edward Elgar

A Lenten Meditation on an Ordinary Thing Meg Graham

Prayers

For all we have accomplished this day,
we bless God's name.
For now, when we turn from labor to home,
we bless God's name.
For those tasks we left undone this day,
we invite God's love.
For those wounds we gave or received this day,
we invite God's love.

For our hopes and concerns for tomorrow,
we invite God's love.
For the gift of our presence this hour,
we seek God's grace.
For trust that God's love is all we need,
we seek God's grace.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

For these praises and preoccupations of our hearts,
we find our hope in God.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer

Holy One, we bless your name and thank you for the gift of this day:
May the Light of the world guide us, the Life of the world refresh us, and
the Hope of the world be our companion, that we may be the reconciling power
of Christ in the world.
Amen.

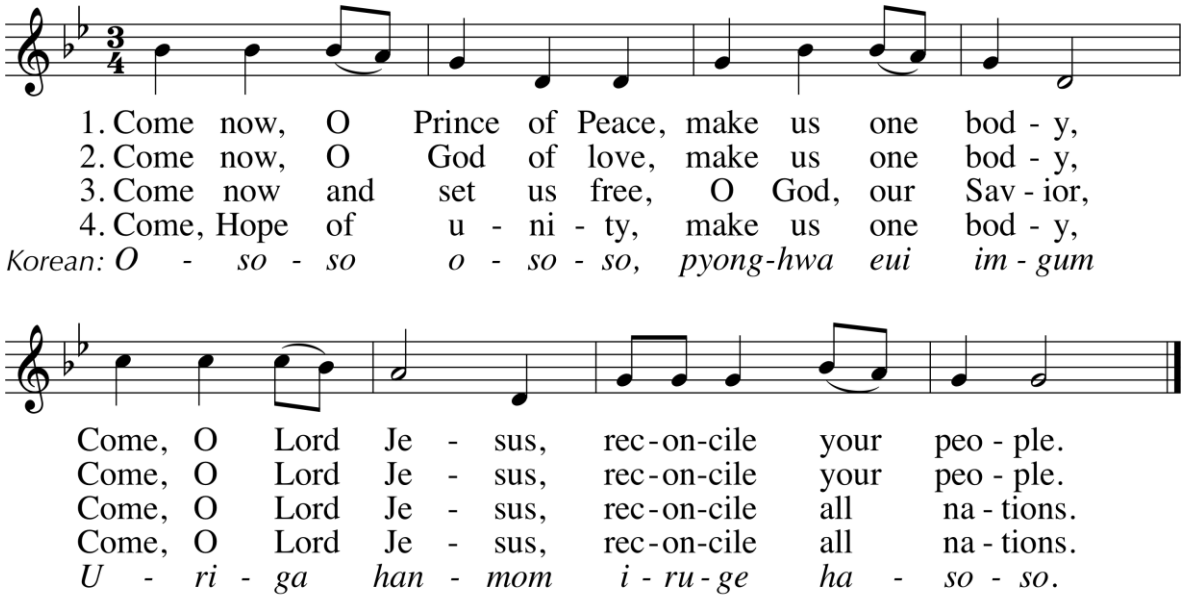
Benediction

May you, God, bless us and guard us.
May you make your face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May you lift up your face upon us and give us Shalom.

Hymn 43 *O Praise to Thee, my God, this Night (back of bulletin)*
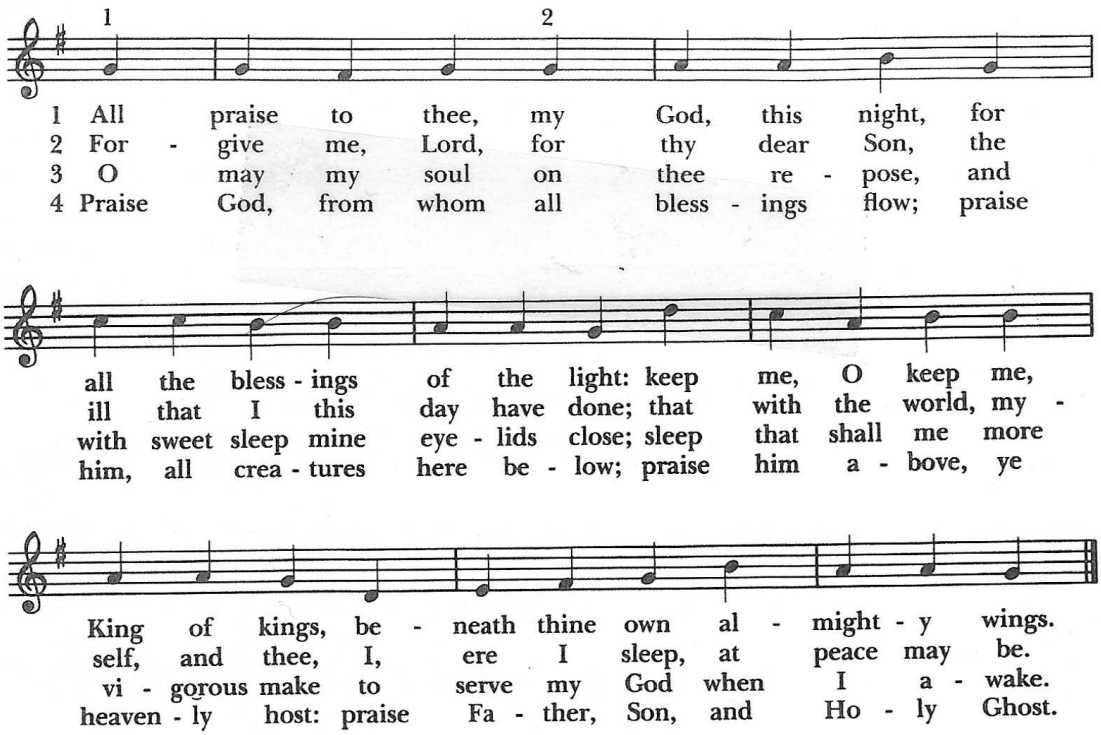
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Come Now, O Prince of Peace



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Music: *The Eighth Tune,* Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

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