

Focus on God

Candle Lighting

Evening Prayer

Your promised gift of rest comes to me now, dear God; help me to receive it. Give rest to all who wait this night in illness or anxiety or sadness. Let your rest come to animals that burrow in the ground, to birds that nest in branches, to creatures that swim in depths or shallows. Give rest and renewal to all the earth. To those who wander and work this night, grant rest when the morning comes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Isaiah 6

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus calls all people to sit at table with him:

the sick and the uncertain,

the weak and the poor,

the Pharisees and tax collectors.

From north and south and east and west he calls us

to come and sit at this table,

the foretaste of the kingdom of God.

On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at table with his disciples,

they thought they were the hosts and he the guest.

But then he broke the bread, and their eyes were opened

and they recognized him.

The guest became the host;

the foolish one was revealed as Wisdom.

To this table, to this banquet of Wisdom,

he calls us again.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Closing Song

Blessing