

Liturgy for Evening Prayers

Mondays thru Saturdays, Fall 2024
Fourth Presbyterian Church
South Boston

6:00pm GATHERING (A time for connecting and meditation)

6:10 OPENING SENTENCES (from Iona community)

One: Come to us this night, O God,

ALL: Come to us with light.

One: Speak to us this night, O God,

ALL: Speak to us in your truth.

One: Dwell with us this night, O God,

ALL: Dwell with us in love.

One: We gather here in your presence, God,

ALL: In our need, & bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

ALL: And you know by experience what human life is like.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

ALL: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

ALL: And you have promised never to turn us away

PRAYER

Spirit of truth and judgment, who alone can cast out the powers that grip our world at the point of crisis, give us your discernment, that we may accurately name what is wrong, and know the way that leads to peace. God of all creation, who has come to us in Jesus, lead us in your way of love and fill us with your Spirit. Choose us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to bring sight to the blind and set free the oppressed. So shall your new creation come and your will be done, through Jesus Christ **AMEN.**

SONG / HYMN

SCRIPTURE and REFLECTION

COMMUNITY PRAYER

We share prayers out loud and end with a Pastoral Prayer.

CLOSING LITANY

One: O Trinity of Love, You have been with us at the world's beginning,

ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE WORLD'S END.

One: You have been with us at our life's shaping,

ALL: BE WITH US AT OUR LIFE'S END.

One: You have been with us at the sun's rising,

ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE DAY'S END.

LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE (hummed, spoken, or sung):

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on,
let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

A BEGINNING LIST OF SONGS (feel free to expand!)

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

COME THOU FONT

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming
love.

ABIDE WITH ME (#836)

Abide with me, fast falls the evening tide,
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL (sing twice)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will
rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (2x)

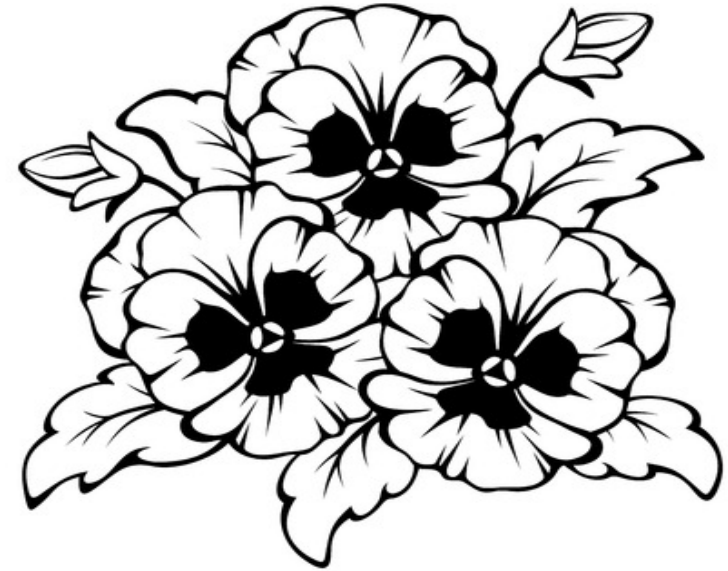
O CHRIST SURROUND ME (#543)

God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me (2x)

Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me (2x)

AMAZING GRACE

GUIDE MY FEET 2. Stand by me... 3. I'm your child...



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Liturgy is drawn from the Iona Abbey Worship Book