WELCM

EVENING PRAYER

**Grace Lutheran Church**

Sundays 7-7:30 pm

 Welcome to Evening Prayer, hosted by

Winthrop Ecumenical Lutheran Campus Ministry (WELCM).

We gather weekly, exploring various approaches

to the traditional service of Evening Prayer.

 Our aim is an ecumenical, inclusive experience of Christian community,

 through joining in prayer, Word, song,

and silent reflection. Our purpose is to lift

one another and our campus up to God.

Readings and prayers will be led by students, along with

Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz, our campus minister.

**The text in bold is always yours to proclaim.**

A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

*Sunday, Jan 23, 2022*

### OPENING Iona Abbey

Eternal Spirit, **living God, in whom we live and move**

**and have our being, all that we are, have been,**

**and shall be is known to you,**

**to the very secret of our hearts**

**and all that rises to trouble us.**

**Living flame, burn into us;**

**cleansing wind, blow through us;**

**fountain of water, well up within us,**

**that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

**Amen.**

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***Be still and know that I am God.***

MEDITATION

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Be still and know that I am.**

**Be still and know**

**Be still**

**Be**

PSALM   Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,

**and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.**

One day tells its tale to another,

**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,

**and their voices are not heard,**

their sound has gone out into all lands,

**and their message to the ends of the world**,

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

**it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens

**and runs about to the end of it again;**

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;

**the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,

**and in keeping them there is great reward**.

Who can detect one’s own offenses?

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

**let them not get dominion over me;**

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable in your sight,** **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

### QUIET REFLECTION

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FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, and drink sweet wine, and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### QUIET REFLECTION

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

A reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG Taizé Community

***Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God’s holy name***

***Bless the Lord, my soul***

***Who leads me into life.***

PRAYERBook of Common Prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,

**we entreat you, O Lord.**

That Your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**we entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for all our sins and offenses,

**we entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to Your Church, and to the whole world,

**we entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by Your Holy Spirit

in the communion of all the saints,

entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**we entreat you, O Lord.** **Amen.**

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GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, from the 4 th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

QUIET REFLECTION

LORD’S PRAYER New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,Source of all that is and that shall be,Father and Mother of us all,Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universeThe way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the worldYour heavenly will be done by all created beingsYour commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.From trials too great to endure, spare us.From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.****Amen.**

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***Jesus, remember me***

***when you come into your kingdom.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. You reveal yourself to us in the reading of Scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war.God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, and those who long for healing, especially Mrs Franklin, Lex, Lexi, Amelia, Sarah, Lexi’s grandmother, and all our friends struggling with covid, long illness, or emotional distress. God of grace**, hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ at Winthrop and in our community of WELCM. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us.God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Comfort those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace**, hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SONG Taizé Community

***Kyrie eleison, christe eleison, kyrie eleison***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UCC Canada

**We are not alone; we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

 **who has created and is creating,**

 **who has come in Jesus,**

 **the Word made flesh,**

 **to reconcile us and make us new,**

 **who works in us and in others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

 **to celebrate God’s presence,**

 **to love and serve others,**

 **to seek justice and resist evil,**

 **to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

 **our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION** Iona Abbey

May God be a bright flame before you,

a guiding star above you,

a smooth path below you,

a kindly shepherd behind you,

today, tomorrow, and forever.

**Amen**.