

Evening Prayers

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eastertide

Beginning April 13, 2020

Liturgy is drawn from “The Simple Evening Liturgy” of the Iona Abbey and from “Common Prayer” by Shane Claiborne and others.

Liturgy for Eastertide Evening Prayers

Mondays thru Saturdays,
Fourth Presbyterian Church
South Boston

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

6:10 OPENING SENTENCES

Call: Peace on each one who comes in need,.

Response: Peace on each one who comes in joy.

Call: Peace on each one who offers prayers,

Response: Peace on each one who offers song.

Call: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

Response: Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

(Light the second candle and sing:)

Walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the Light of the World.

***COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the
wonder and beauty of creation,

ALL: We give you thanks.

**ALL: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which
has awakened us to the energy of creation:**

To the sap that flows,

The blood that pulses,

The heart that sings. We give you thanks

Leader: For your love for us,
Compassionate and patient,
Which has carried us through our pain,
Wept beside us in our sin,
And waited with us in our confusion

ALL: We give you thanks.

**ALL: For your love for us,
Strong and challenging,
Which has called us to risk for you,
Asked for the best in us,
And shown us how to serve. We give you thanks.**

Leader: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and the heart of all life.
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence,
ALL : AMEN

HYMN

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

SHARED PRAYERS (We name them out loud, then pray, concluding with:

O gracious Light,
Pure brightness of the ever-living God in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

**ALL: Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the evening light,
We sing your praises, O God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

You are worthy at all times to be praised by our voices,
O Son of God, O giver of life,
Your glory fills the whole world.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here blow.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. A-MEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER (within a gathered circle)
BENEDICTION, FOLLOWED BY A PASSING OF THE PEACE

Songs for Eastertide Evening Prayers

BE THOU MY VISION

COME THOU FONT

AMAZING GRACE

O CHRIST SURROUND ME

GUIDE MY FEET

IN THE LORD ILL BE EVER THANKFUL

ABIDE WITH ME (#836 – vs. 1,5)

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.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heavn's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life in death, O Lord, Abide with me.

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)