

Evening Vespers services traditionally take place at sundown when candles are lit, reminding us of Christ, the Light of the world, in whom there is no darkness at all. It is our hope that through the singing of hymns, listening to choral music and hearing the Word, our faith will be renewed and our God glorified.

The CMU Vespers Services have a rich history, beginning with Concord College. Services occur on the third Sunday of each month from October to March. We hope you will return and invite others to attend. To be added to our Vespers mailing list please contact us at [vespers@cmu.ca](mailto:vespers@cmu.ca).

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Silence is an important part of Vespers. Please refrain from conversation before and applause during the service.

#### Upcoming CMU Events:

For further details on these and other events go to [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca).

- Mar. 2** Music Therapy Coffee House | Great Hall @ 7:00 PM
- Mar. 5** Public Lecture with Senator Murray Sinclair - *The TRC, Calls to Action, and the Mountain Before Us* | Marpeck Commons @ 7:00 PM
- Mar. 11** Mennonite Community Orchestra's Spring Concert with soloist Shirley Elias, Piano | Chapel @ 3:00 PM
- Mar. 16** Opening of exhibitions by Anthony Chiarella and Faye Hall | MHC Gallery @ 7:30 PM
- Mar. 17** Journeying Together - Workshops for Pastors and Ministry and Congregational Leaders | Conference Room @ 9:00 AM
- Mar. 18** Vespers | Laudamus Auditorium @ 7:00 PM
- Mar. 21** Bach on Bridge | Pedestrian Bridge
- Mar. 25** Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached | Laudamus Auditorium @ 7:00 PM
- Apr. 4** Jazz at CMU and Concert Band | Chapel @ 7:00 PM (\$5)

CMU Vespers Services 2017-18		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Reader</u>
Mar. 18	Eric Marshall	Peter Epp

# Vespers

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

February 18, 2018 | 7:00 PM

Laudamus Auditorium  
Canadian Mennonite University

*Please enter this chapel in silence as we collectively prepare to worship through word and music.*

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## Prelude

### Gathering on the Road...

#### Call to Worship

**Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...**

*We follow our faithful Lord.*

**These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...**

*We follow our faithful Lord.*

**It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...**

*We follow our faithful Lord.*

**In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...**

*We follow our faithful Lord.*

**Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...**

*We follow our faithful Lord.*

(written by Stephen Fearing, see Christine Longhurst's blog at [www.re-worship.blogspot.ca](http://www.re-worship.blogspot.ca))

Hymn: *Come to me, come to us* SS 60  
Rachel MacEwan, recorder

#### Prayer of Invocation

Choir: *Lead Me Lord* arr. T. W. Kirk

### Trusting the God of the Journey...

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

*O my God, in you I trust;*

Choir: *No Time* Susan Brumfield  
Jillian Reimer, soprano

Hymn: *Why should I feel discouraged* SJ 103  
Jayme Giesbrecht, soprano

### Praying Together on the Journey...

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.*

*Lead me in your truth, and teach me,*

*you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.*

Prayers of the People ~ with response:

L: **Gracious and merciful God,**

P: *May your goodness shine upon us.*

Hymn: *Lord, speak to me* (v. 1, 2, 4, 6) HWB 499

Choir: *Prayer of St. Francis* Ed Harris, arr. E. Hildebrand

Katy Unruh and Lori Schroeder, soprano

### The Journey Calls us to Confess...

*Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.*

*Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness'  
sake, O Lord!*

#### Confession & Assurance

Choir: *Khudaya, rahem kar* (Lord, have mercy)

Emma Heinrichs, cello; Rachel MacEwan, soprano

Hymn: *I want to walk as a child of the light* SJ 95

### Relying on God in the Wilderness Journey...

*Good and upright is the Lord;*

*He leads the humble in what is right*

*All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.*

Hymn: *Go, my friends, in grace* SS 57

### Benediction

Choir: *Deep Peace, Healing Light* L. Enns

Hymn: *Night has fallen* SJ 117

Conductor - Janet Brenneman

Worship Leader - Lisa Enns

Pianist - Lilli Williams