



Evensong

with Rev. Ruth Roberts
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Preparing Our Hearts

*Take, O take, me as I am; summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart; and live in me.*

Gathering

In quietness and in darkness, in peace and in confusion,
Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his
friends.

He is the light of life:

He is the hope for the world.

In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither
Protestant nor Catholic -

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the light of life:

He is the hope for the world.

In him there is neither black nor white, neither first
world nor third world-

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the light of life

He is the hope for the world.

In him there is neither male nor female, neither master
nor servant-

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the light of life:

He is the hope for the world.

In him there is neither rich nor poor, neither working
class nor middle class-

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the light of life:

He is the hope for the world.

Listening

Galatians 3:26-29; 4:6-7

Silent Reflection

Meditation: "One in Christ"

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Responding

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God above time, above space, yet with us in Christ,

**We, who are creatures of time and space, come to you
tonight with thankfulness.**

We give you thanks for the year that has passed; for the
many ways in which you have touched us, in moments
of great happiness or deep distress. You have been
present in Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the
beginning and the end.

**We thank you for the people who matter to us, near
and far, who have given themselves to us and through
whom you have been present to us in their love.**

We thank you for your church, the community of faith
in whose company we have journeyed, whose
friendships we value, whose challenges we welcome,
and whose wide boundaries are not defined by time, by
space, or by death.

**As we move on now to a new year, give us grace to
leave behind our regrets, our failures and any sense of
guilt, to let go of the past with gratitude; and in faith,
to leave the future in your hands – to live each moment
in joyful discipleship, in the company of him who is
always Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

Communion

Sending

**Bless to us, O God, the doors we open; the thresholds we
cross; the roads that lie before us. Go with us as we go and
welcome us home.**

Blessing

Thank you for joining us.