



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

Come, Invisible God,
give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook.
Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch.
Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears.
Teach us to know you for what you really are - not flash or thunder,
but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain,
bathing the soul and the skin.

Amen

Listening

Scripture: Psalm 63

Responsive Reading

O God, you are my God, I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ **So I will bless you as long as I live;**

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, ^[a]

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶ **when I think of you on my bed,**

and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸ **My soul clings to you;**

your right hand upholds me.

Silent Reflection

Meditation: "Longing for God"

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Responding

Communion

Sending

We end this time around the Lord's table with gratitude for the nourishment of this sacred cup and bread; with thanksgiving for the time away from the world, in the presence of each other and for the circle of love that unites us. As we enter the silence of the departing light, may we find rest and renewal through the night and joy in the breaking dawn. Amen

Blessing

Thank you for joining us.