

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES
Prayers

Opening

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the Road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself; and the fact that I think
I am following your will
Does not mean I am actually doing so.

But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right Road
Though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always
Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will
not fear, for you are ever with me,
And you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton

Closing

Lord, it is Night.
The Night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is Night after a long Day.

What has been done, has been done;
What has not been done has not been done:
Let it be.

The Night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world
And of our own lives ----- rest in you.
The Night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.
The Night heralds the Dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new Day,
New joys, new possibilities. *Amen.*