



Holden Evening Prayer

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Mid-Week Lenten Service

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Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo - ple here. —



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

Leader: *All:*

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to — God,

All:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All:

A - men.

All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my
 hands as an of - fer - ing to you. _____

Leader or Group One:

— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:

O God, I

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now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. ——— Let my prayer rise
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ——— All praise to the God of all - Cre -
 of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
 praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all
 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
 you.
 of - fer - ing to you.

Silence for Reflection

Leader: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Silence for reflection

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
 2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
 down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
 heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
4. For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

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Leader: *All:*

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days.

All:

A - men.

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