

Holden Evening Prayer

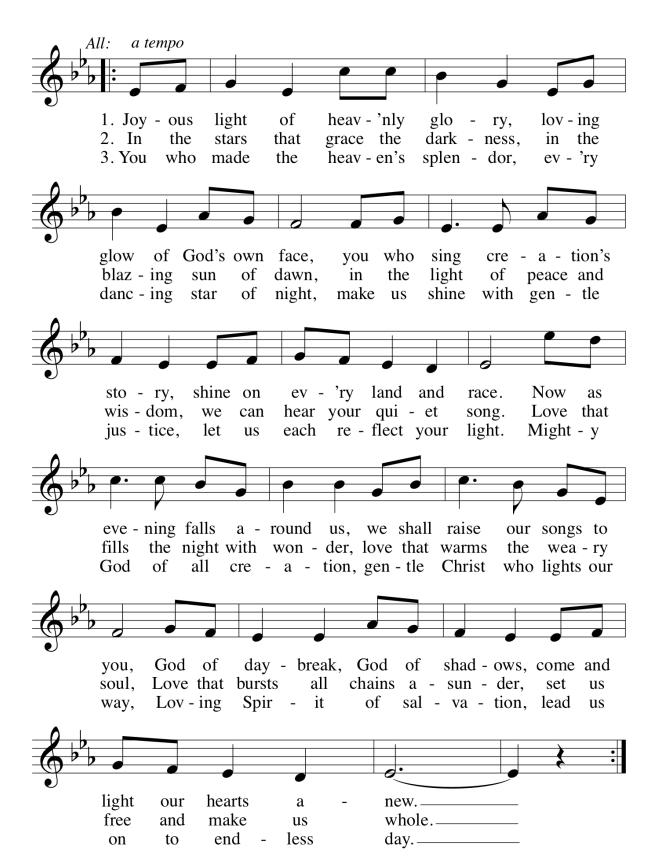
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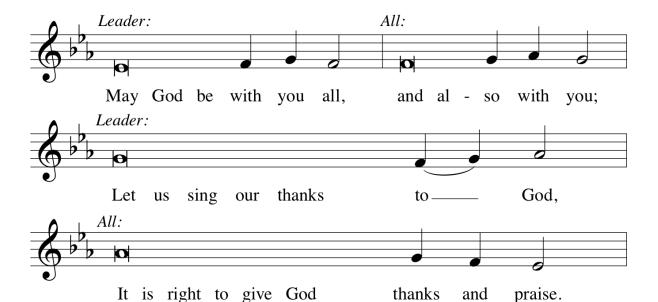
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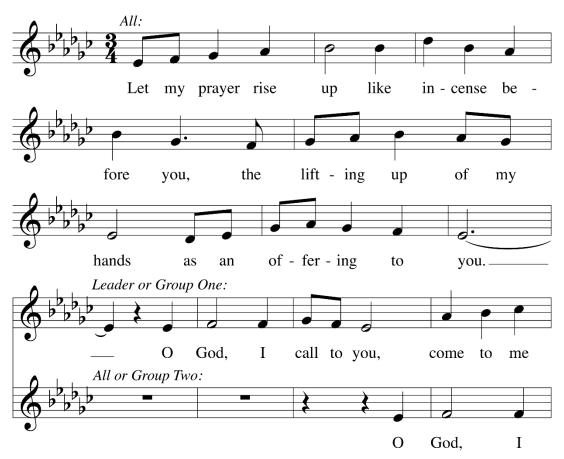
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Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe–from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life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



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## 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

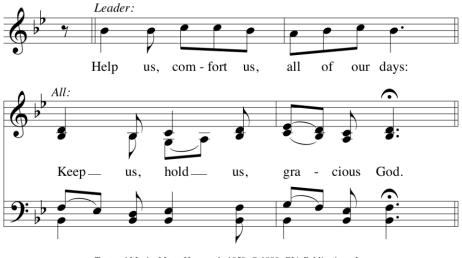
am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



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- 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:



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