



Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

to the people of the Winter Community at Holden, 1985-1986

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession (sung)

Leader: Jesus Christ you are the the light of the world;

All: **the light no darkness can overcome;**

Leader: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All: **and the day is almost over.**

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness,

All: **and shine within your people here.**

Evening Hymn (*All sing*)

- 1. Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race. Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you, God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.**
- 2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song. Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.**
- 3. You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect our light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.**

Evening Thanksgiving (sung)

Leader: May God be with you all,

All: **and also 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: **Amen**

PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

Psalm 141 (*All sing.*)

**Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

**O God, I call to you, come to me now;
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

**Let my prayer rise up like incense
before you, the lifting up of my
hands as an offering to you.**

**Keep watch within me, God;
deep in my heart may the light
of your love be burning bright.**

**Let my prayer rise up like incense
before you, the lifting up of my
hands as an offering to you.**

**All praise to the God of all,
Creator of life; all praise to the
Christ and the Spirit of love.**

**Let my prayer rise up like incense
before you, the lifting up of my
hands as an offering to you.**

Silence for meditation

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**

PSALM 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

All: **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

THE ANNUNCIATION

Leader: And 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 a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

THE MAGNIFICAT (*All sing.*)

1. **My soul proclaims your
greatness, O God, and my spirit
rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and
lowly one, humbling the
proud of heart.**

2. **You have cast the mighty down from their
thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,
you have filled the hungry with wondrous things,
and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you,
O Faithful One, strong is your
justice, strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.**

3. **My soul proclaims your
greatness, O God, and my spirit
rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your
servant here, and blessed me all my
life through.**

LITANY AND PRAYERS

- Leader: 1. In peace, in peace we pray to you:
Refrain (*Sung by all after each verse.*)
God of mercy, hold us in love.
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you:
 3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples:
 4. For us who are gathered to worship and praise you:
 5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel:
 6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them:
 7. For all those who labor in service to others:
 8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
 - 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:
Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

All: **Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (sung)

Leader: Let us bless our God:

All: **praise and thanks to you.**

Leader: May God, Creator, bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

All: **Amen.**