



Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Lent 2

Holden Evening Prayer Setting by Marty Haugen

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

1. SERVICE OF Light

2. Procession

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.

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Evening Thanksgiving

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**

2. 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**

READING:

John 4:1-30

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John"—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a

Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the

people, Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? They left the city and were on their way to him.

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 wonderous 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**

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

Refrain (*Sung by all after each verse.*)

God of mercy, hold us in love.

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

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.**