



Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Lent 3

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 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the

festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

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

THE ANNUNCIATION

Leader: And 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 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 wonderful 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.**