



Wednesday, March 30, 2022  
Lent 4

## 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 17:1-26**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life,

that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the

foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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 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.**