



Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
Lent 5

## 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 11:1-44**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is

ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they

thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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.**