LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Tell me something good

Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

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HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

- **SERVICE OF LIGHT**
- **EVENING HYMN**
- **EVENING THANKSGIVING**
- **PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES**

POETRY READING – Surely, This Must Be It

Everyone has a job. I wash the potatoes, filling the sink with slivers of potato peel. You brine the turkey, hovering by the oven all afternoon. Someone sets the table, taking care to fill a vase with asters and marigolds, sprigs of holly and shoots of evergreen. We play music while we prepare. *"What The World Needs Now is Love"*[11] comes on. We can't get it out of our heads. We whistle along to Dionne all afternoon. And eventually, the doorbell rings.

You've invited the neighbors, the grad student who sits on the second row at church, the widower in the choir. We add seats to the table. We go around the room and share one thing we're grateful for. Eyes well as we create a laundry list of beauty. The kids get squirmy, but we're grateful for that too.

And then we eat! We scoop whipped potatoes and crisp green beans with fresh garlic. We pass the bread basket, leaving crumbs all over the table. They are tiny reminders of communion in our midst. And at the end of the night, when we walk our guests to the car and carry sleeping children to their carseats, our neighbors say, *What a holy moment it all was*. Surely this must be what heaven feels like. Surely we *can* create it together.

Poem by
Rev. Sarah Speed

REFLECTION **Reverand Christina Kadelbach**

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER (continued)

- **THE ANNUNCIATION AND THE MAGNIFICAT**
- **LITANY AND PRAYERS**
- **FINAL BLESSING**

DISMISSAL

Offering Plate is at the back of the church on your way in & out

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

Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession

Leader or Assistant

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All

the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All *Leader or Assistant*

and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All

and shine within your peo - ple here.

Evening Hymn

All

1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

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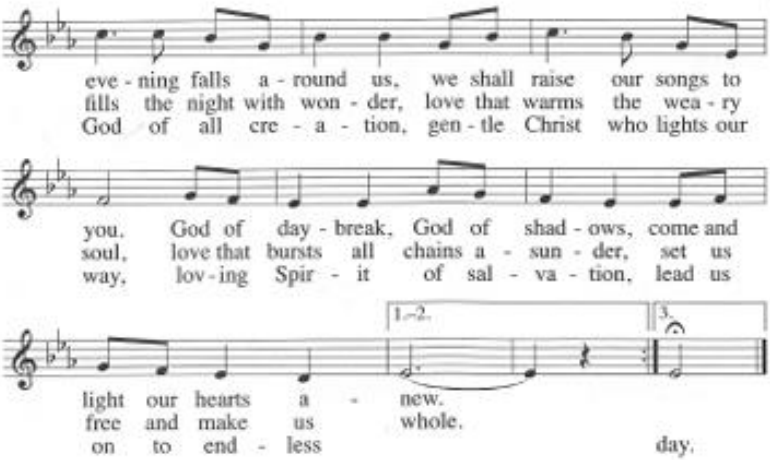
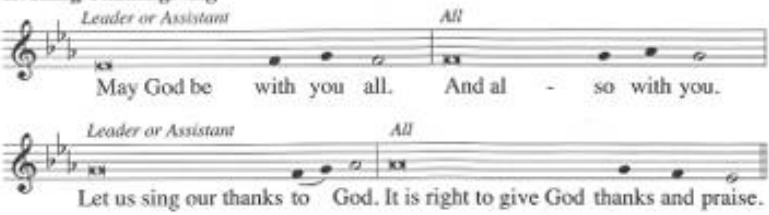


Evening Thanksgiving

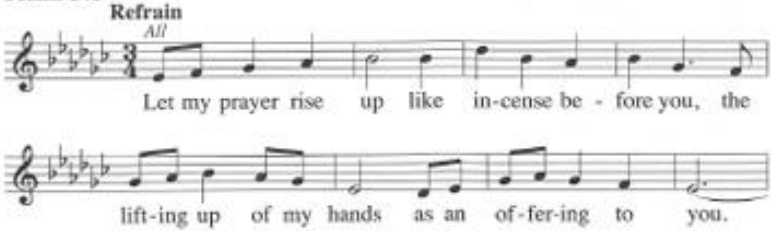


Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

Psalm 141

Refrain



Verse 1

Leader or Group One

1. O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two

1. O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I cry to

call to you, come to me now; O hear my

Refrain

you. Let my prayer rise up like

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

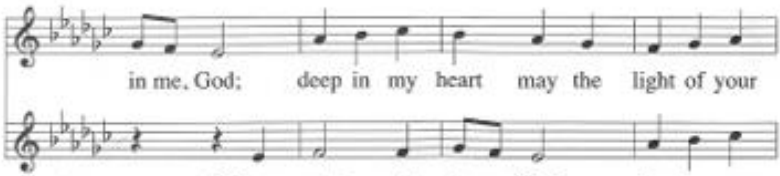
in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

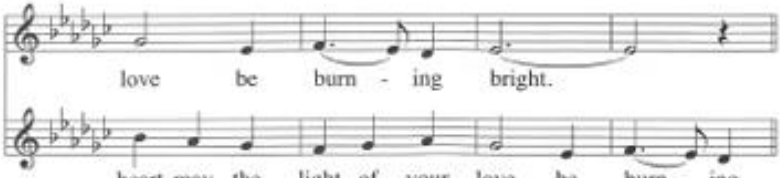
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

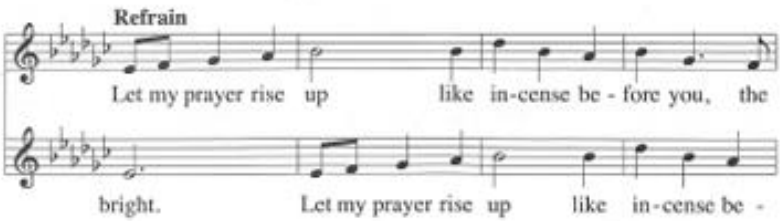
Verse 2

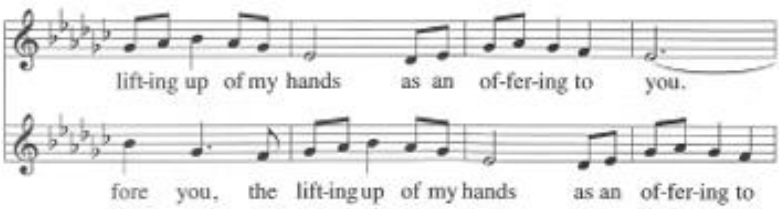
of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -

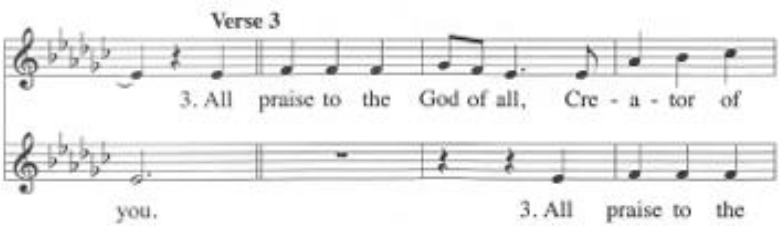
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

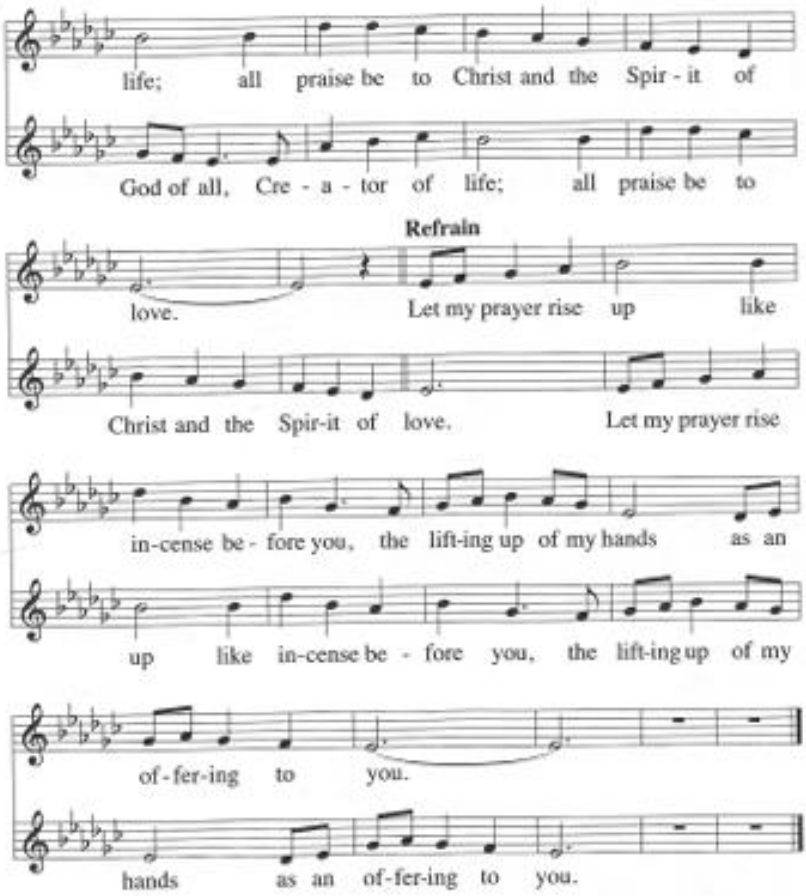

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your
2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my


love be burn - ing bright.
heart may the light of your love be burn - ing


Refrain
Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -


lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to


Verse 3
3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of
you. 3. All praise to the



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.

(Alternate psalms are on pages 10–12. The leader will indicate if any of these will be used in the service.)

One or two lessons are read; silence for meditation follows each reading.

Leader The light shines in the darkness...

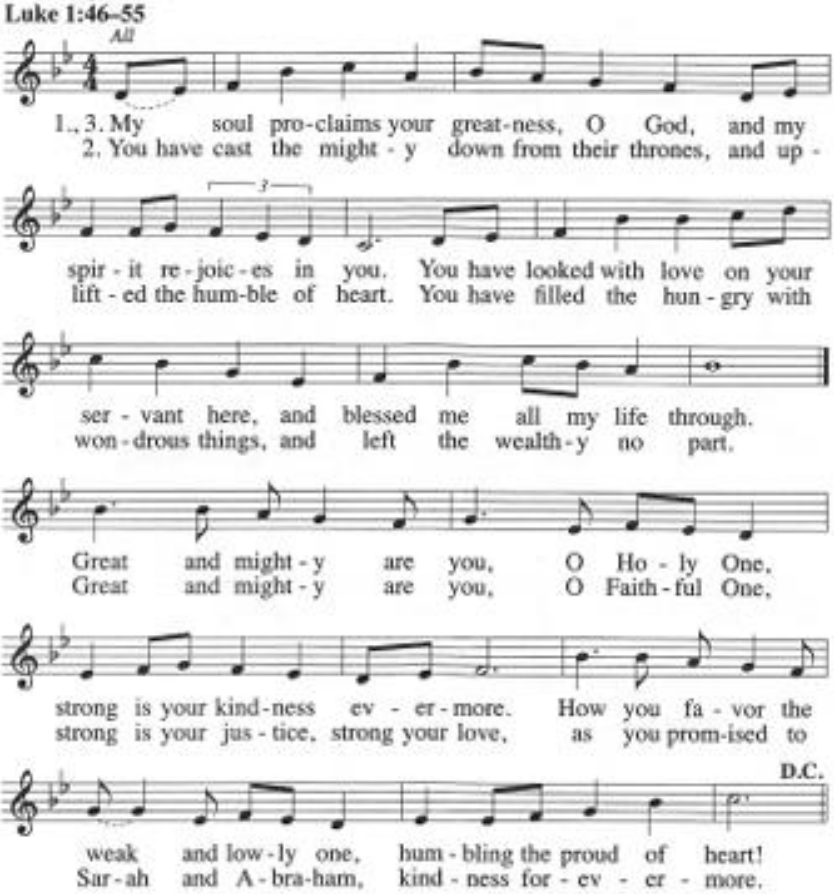
All ... and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation
Luke 1:26–28, 30–32, 38

Leader 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 the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

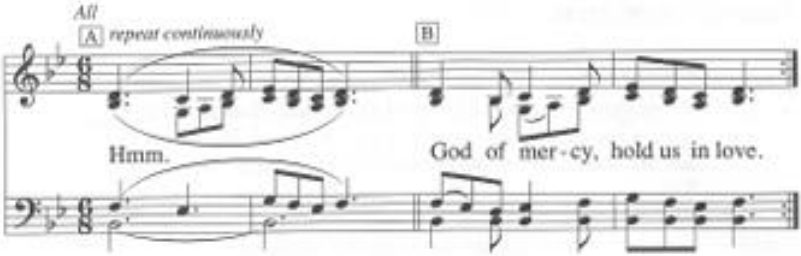
Segue immediately to The Magnificat

The Magnificat
Luke 1:46–55

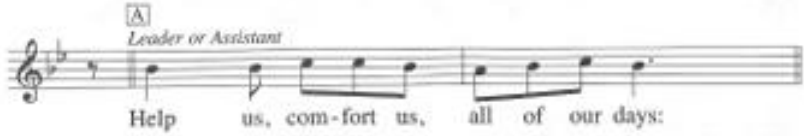


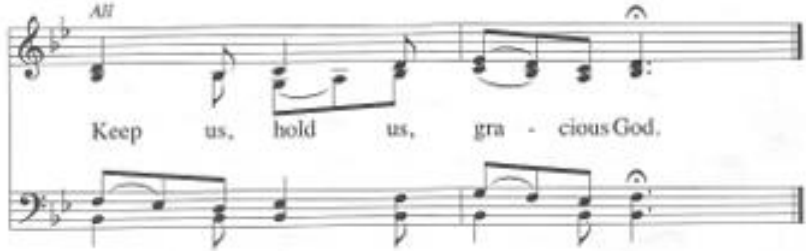
3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

Intercessions



1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:





Closing Prayers

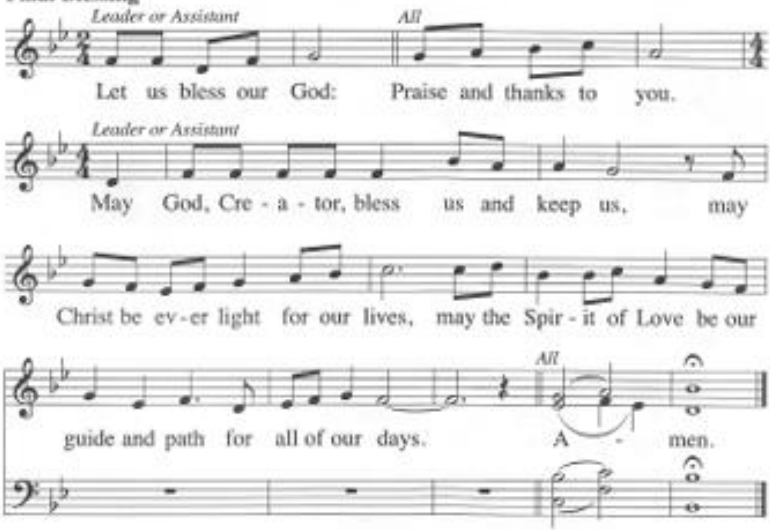
Leader Great and merciful God,
source and ground of all goodness and life,
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding,
and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



The leader may invite all to share a sign of peace,
or the leader may say, "Go in peace," and all depart in silence.