

# LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

Wednesday, March 18, 2026



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### HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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

### POETRY READING – The Things That Matter Most

I wrecked the family car, an old gold minivan  
that had traveled every inch of I-95. It had worn cushions  
and an old school map in the glove box.  
It held a folder full of mix CDs under the passenger seat  
and every memory of every family trip,  
and I wrecked it.

I called the tow truck while the engine  
hissed and smoked. I called my dad,

my own apologies tripping over themselves  
to get to the front of the line.  
I expected to be grounded.  
I expected a “*How could you?*”  
But when I got home that night,  
my dad held me close and said,  
“*A car is just a car, but you are my child.*  
*The only thing that matters is that you are okay.*”  
And I knew it for what it was.  
It was mercy. It was love.  
It was the thing that mattered most.

*Poem by*  
*Rev. Sarah Speed*

**REFLECTION**                      Reverend 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*

## 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*



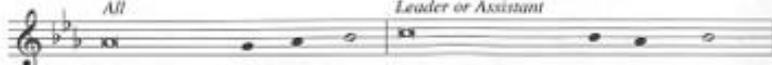
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

*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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eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

light our hearts a - new.  
free and make us whole.  
on to end - less day.

### Evening Thanksgiving

*Leader or Assistant* *All*

May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

*Leader or Assistant* *All*

Let us sing our thanks to God. 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*

A - - - - - men.

## 2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

### Psalm 141

*Refrain* *All*

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

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

**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

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir-it of  
 God of all, Cre-a-tor of life; all praise be to  
 love. **Refrain** Let my prayer rise up like  
 Christ and the Spir-it of love. 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  
 of-fer-ing to you.  
 hands as an of-fer-ing 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.

*(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

*All*



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -  
spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with  
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.  
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,  
strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the  
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to  
weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!  
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

D.C.

### 3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

#### Intercessions

*All*  
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

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:

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

