

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

Wednesday, March 25, 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.

