

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

Wednesday, March 4, 2026



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HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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

POETRY READING - If God Lived Next Door



If God lived next door,
I'd drop off a loaf of bread.
I'd use my mom's best recipe.
I'd wrap it in parchment
and ribbon
and place it on the front
stoop.

If God lived next door,
I'd leave a note with my
phone number.

*Call anytime you need
anything!*

I'm always happy to help!

If God lived next door,
I'd keep sugar on the shelf,
just in case she needed a cup.
I'd put a picnic table in the
front yard
and begin taking my coffee
there.

Whenever God passed by
with their gaggle of rescue
dogs,

I could say, *Want to sit for
a moment? Want to rest
your legs?*

I'd keep a jar of dog treats
and water by the mailbox
and change my doormat to
one that says:

All are welcome here.

I'd invite God over for dinner.
She'd bring bread and juice.
I'd host a block party,
so that everyone could
meet her.

I'd start a community garden
so that the kids could run
between rows of squash
and tomatoes

while we adults put our
hands in the dirt.

We'd share stories while
we weeded,

and eat harvest meals at the
end of the season.

If God lived next door,
I'd want to build something
beautiful.

Then again,
who says she doesn't?

*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



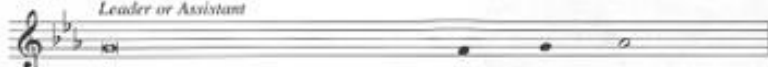
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



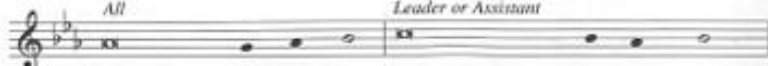
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

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

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.

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

Leader or Assistant *All*

Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

guide and path for all of our days. A - men.

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