

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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* Please stand if you are able

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are 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: Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry 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.**

**In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
in 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.**

**You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.**

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: 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;
O 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 be to 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.

Pastor: 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.

REFLECTION

"Righteousness & Mercy"

Pastor Amy Janssen

OFFERING

"How Beautiful
Carole Rostash, solo with Rudy Rostash, clarinet

(Paris)

Pastor: 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."

THE MAGNIFICAT – Luke 1:46-55

**All: 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.**

**You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,
and uplifted the humble of heart,
You have filled the hungry with wondrous 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.**

**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

All: (Continuously hum the first phrase; sing the second)
Hmmm...God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leader: *In peace, in peace, we pray to you:*

All: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leader: *For peace and salvation, we pray to you:*

All: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leader: *For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:*

All: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leader: *Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:*

All: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leader: *Help us, comfort us, all of our days.*

All: **Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Pastor: *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.**

Pastor: *God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:*

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless our God:

All: praise and thanks to you. 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. A-men.

SONG

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#587

to the tune of Beach Spring



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Please join us at **6:30pm in the Chapel on the following Wednesdays for the Holden Evening Prayer Service.** Our offering each Wednesday night in Lent will go toward ELCA World Hunger, providing needed resources for people and communities in need.

March 12 • March 19 • March 26 • April 2 • April 9

Join us for **Palm Sunday and Holy Week** to experience the events in Christ's life, leading up to Easter.

- April 12** Saturday before Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary at 5pm
- April 13** Palm Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:15am (also livestreamed) and at 10:30am
- April 17** Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm (also livestreamed)
- April 18** Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm (also livestreamed)

***There is no service on Saturday, April 19.**

Celebrate the joy of **the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.**

- April 20** Sunrise Service at the Outdoor Chapel at 6:00am
Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary at 8:00am
Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary at 9:15am (also livestreamed)
Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary at 10:30am