

LENTEN WORSHIP

MARCH 26, 2025



Holden Evening Prayer (see booklet for music)

Service of Light

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

- 1. Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
You who sing creation's story, shine on every 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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: **A - - men**

Psalm 141

**Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

Left side sing part one, right side part two:

**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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-12

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?"

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into

song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

Pastor: The Light shines in the darkness

All: And the darkness has not overcome it.

LENTEN HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

MESSAGE

“GOD’S WORD RETURNS FULL”

Pastor Dinger

Closing Music

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All (repeat after each petition): **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leader: 1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

3. For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:

4. For us who are gathered to worship and praise you:

5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel.

6. For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:

7. For all those who labor in service to others:
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
10. For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:

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

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 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: Let us bless our God

***All:* praise and thanks to you.**

Leader: 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 our days.

***All:* A - a - men.**

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