

FEBRUARY 20, 2021 – SATURDAY SERVICE
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
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GATHERING

PRELUDE: Agnus Dei

Video: "What Is Lent?"

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

The Gathering

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sharing of the peace

Called to live as children of light, let us build one another up as we share signs of peace, and words of love. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Godsightings

We recognize God at work when we see acts of goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, love, peace, patience, kindness and caring. Where have you seen God at work in your life?

What is Holden Evening Prayer?

Written in 1985-86 by Marty Haugen during a musical residency at Holden Village, Holden Evening Prayer is a simple Lutheran vespers service that follows traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Since then, the service has been adopted around the world and continues to be used weekly at Holden Village.

Let's begin ...

The Procession (*Sung*)

JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD;

the light no darkness can over come;

STAY WITH US NOW, FOR IT IS EVENING,

and the day is almost over.

LET YOUR LIGHT SCATTER THE DARKNESS

and shine within your people here.

The Evening Hymn (*Sung by 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,
of 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.

The Evening Thanksgiving (*Sung*)

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL,

(*Sung*) **And also with you;**

LET US SING OUR THANKS TO GOD,

It is right to give God thanks and praise,

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.

Amen.

The Psalm #141

The Psalm is sung as a canon (round). Congregation and lead vocal sing the first two lines together. At the beginning of the third line ("O God, I call to you ...") the congregation begins to sing the same words two measures later. Pastor White will lead the congregation.

**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.

(Silence for meditation)

PASTOR WHITE: 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.

(Spoken) **Amen.**

The Reading (Mark 1:9-15)

A reading from Mark: In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

(Silence for Meditation)

PASTOR WHITE: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

(Spoken) **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Message - Pastor Cindy White

The Annunciation

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 *(Sung by 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 ever more.

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.**

The Litany

R/ (*Sung*) God of mercy, hold us in love.

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, WE PRAY TO YOU:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR PEACE AND SALVATION, WE PRAY TO YOU:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS, FOR PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLES:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR WE WHO ARE GATHERED TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE YOU:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVANTS WHO LIVE OUT YOUR GOSPEL:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO GOVERN, THAT JUSTICE MIGHT GUIDE THEM:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO LABOR IN SERVICE TO OTHERS:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

GRANT WEATHER THAT NOURISHES ALL OF CREATION:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

KEEP WATCH ON OUR LOVED ONES AND KEEP US FROM DANGER:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL THE BELOVED WHO REST IN YOUR MERCY:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

HELP US, COMFORT US, ALL OF OUR DAYS:

Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

PASTOR WHITE: 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.

(Spoken) **Amen.**

PASTOR WHITE: GOD, REMEMBER US IN YOUR LOVE, AND TEACH US
TO PRAY: (SPOKEN)

**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.**

* The Final Blessing (Please remain standing)

LET US BLESS OUR GOD:

(Sung) **Praise and thanks to you.**

PASTOR WHITE: 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.

(Sung) **Amen.**

A moment of reflection as candles are extinguished (light music in background)

SENDING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace
and mercy. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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