

SATURDAY SERVICE
October 15, 2022
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

Note: Pastor White will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People.

GATHERING

Prelude: "Praise You in This Storm" – Casting Crowns
Video: Vanco Online
Video: Using Zion's online giving option
Lighting of Candles

Greetings – Pastor Cindy White

The Gathering - Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Sharing of the peace

Let us be known as children of the Most High by sharing our love with all as we pass the peace of Christ. 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?

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 (Luke 18:1-8)

A reading from Luke: **18** hen Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

(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 Giving Moment

All: **Generous God, you have blessed us throughout our lives. Take these offerings, and every gift we give, and use them to show others the breadth of your unfailing love. Amen.**

The Annunciation (Please remain seated)

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.**

Prayers of the People

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers

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

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.**

SENDING

And all God's people say ...

Thanks be to God.

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