

SATURDAY SERVICE
JANUARY 21, 2023
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

Greetings – Pastor Cindy White

Gathering words- 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

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

Holden Evening Prayer

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 (Matthew 4:12-23)

A reading from Matthew: ¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”^[a]

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

(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.**

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

SENDING

Lord, this day you have healed us and restored us. You have given us new strength and courage to serve you in this world. Now we go in peace and confidence, ready to be your people in all places and at all times. Praise be to you, Might God of love and mercy! AMEN.

And all God's people say ...

Thanks be to God.

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