

SATURDAY SERVICE
MAY 20, 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

Prelude – “Morning Has Broken” – Yusuf (Cat Stevens)

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

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 (Luke 24:44-53)

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

(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

Let us pray together: **Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. 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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