



**Salem Lutheran Church
Midweek Advent Services
Holden Evening Prayer
November 29 / December 6 & 13, 2023**

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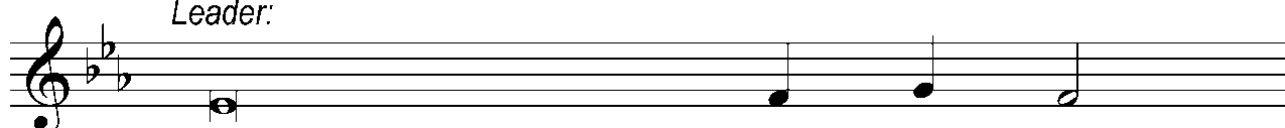
To the people of the Winter Community at Holden, 1985-1986

Setting by Marty Haugen

1 SERVICE OF LIGHT

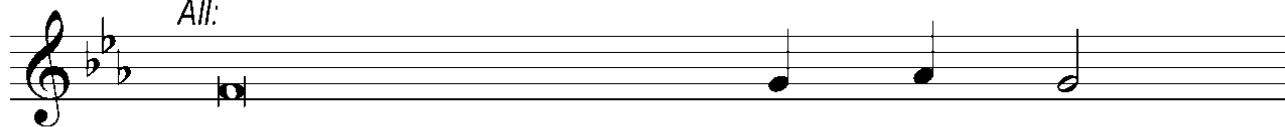
Procession

Leader:



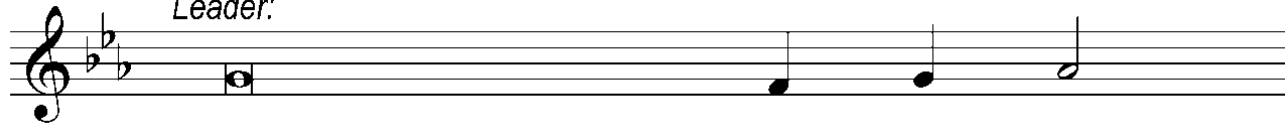
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:




Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All: and the day is al-most over. *Leader:* Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



All: and shine within your peo - ple here.____



Evening Hymn



1. Joy - ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2. In the stars that grace the dark-ness, in the blaz-ing sun of
 3. You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry danc-ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis-dom, we can hear your qui - et
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus-tice, let us each re - flect your



race. Now as eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall
 song. Love that fills the night with won - der, love that
 light. Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle



raise our songs to you, God of day - break, God of
 warms the wea - ry soul, Love that bursts all chains a -
 Christ who lights our way, Lov-ing Spir - it of sal -



shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new. _____
 sun - der, set us free and make us whole. _____
 va - tion, lead us on to end - less day. _____



Evening Thanksgiving

Leader: May God be with you all, *All:* and al - so with you;

Leader: Let us sing our thanks to God,

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Choir: 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.

2 PSALMODY, READINGS, AND CANTICLES

Psalm 141

All: Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Group One:

O God, I call to you, come to me

Group Two:

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I cry to

call to you, come to me now; O hear my

you. Let my prayer rise up like

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with -

hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.

heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

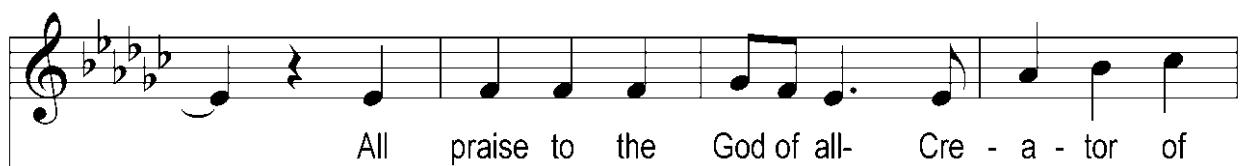
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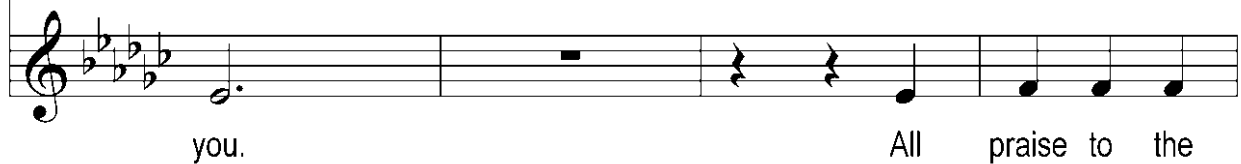
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you



fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



All praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of



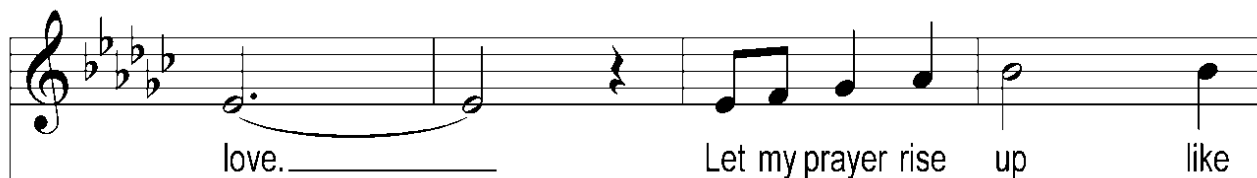
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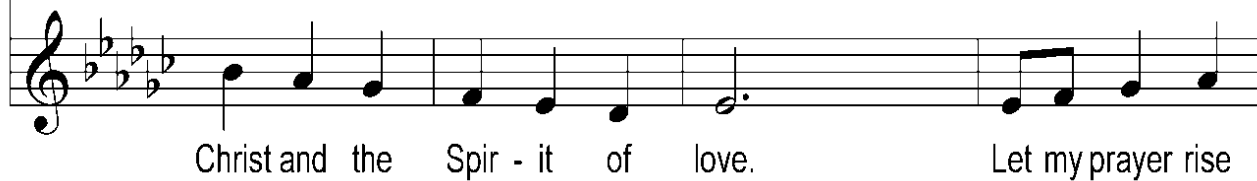
life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of



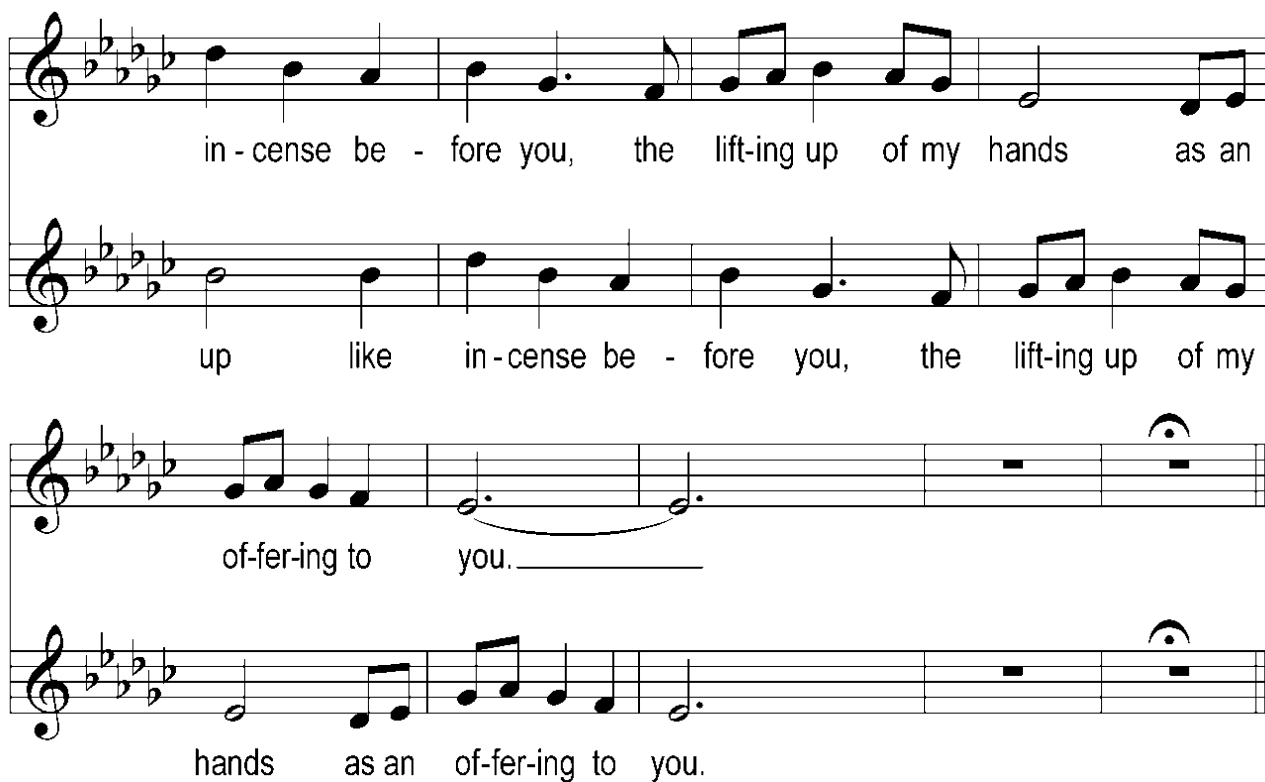
God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to



love. Let my prayer rise up like



Christ and the Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my
of - fer - ing to you.
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

(Silence for Meditation)

Leader: 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

See Insert

REFLECTION

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.



Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

Choir: 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."

(Immediately to "The Magnificat")

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

All:

1.3. My _____ soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you, You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. *fine last time*
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind - ness
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One, strong is your jus - tice,

ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the weak _____ and low - ly one,
strong your love, As you prom - ised to Sar - ah _____ and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

3 LITANY AND PRAYERS

A *All repeat continuously:* **B**

(Hum...) God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

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

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
 4. For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:
 5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
 6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
 7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
 8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
 10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

Leader: 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.

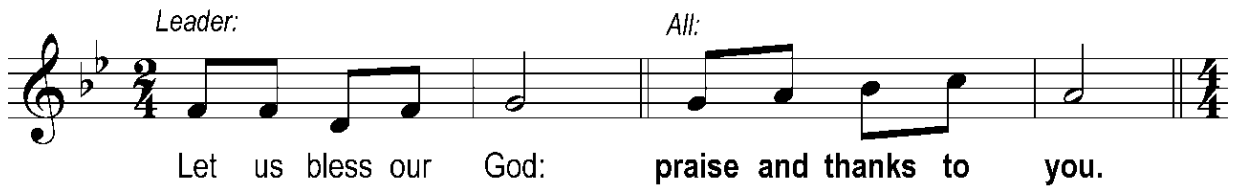
Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

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: *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

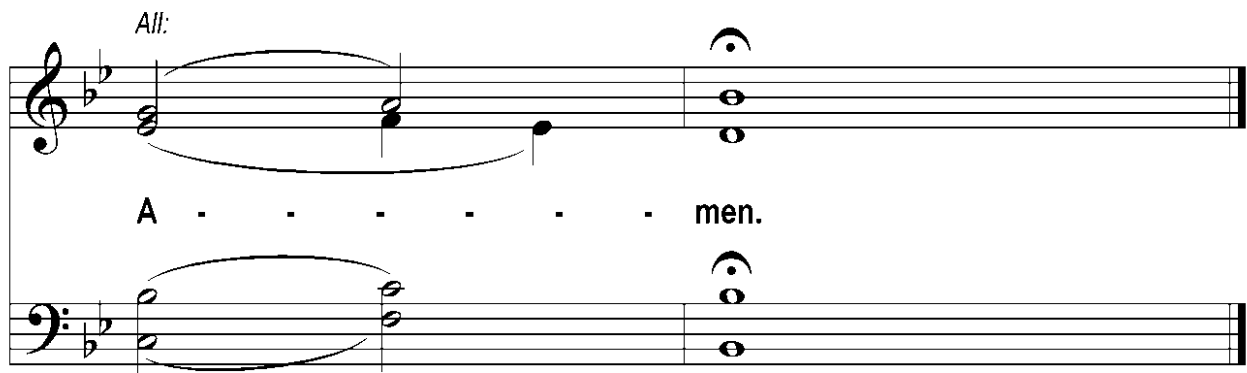


Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our



guide and path, for all of our days.

All:



A - - - - - men.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

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