

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

# Holden Evening Prayer

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. —

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## Evening Hymn

*All: a tempo*

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

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it Of sal - va - tion, lead us

light our hearts a new whole.  
 free and make us whole.  
 to end - less day.

Evening Thanksgiving

Leader:

All:

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ God,

All:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: 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:

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.

Leader or Group One:

O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I

call to you, come to me now; O

Let my prayer rise

cry to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

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

you. \_\_\_\_\_  
Keep watch with - in me, God;

of - fer - ing to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise  
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

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

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

you. All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
of - fer - ing to you. All

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

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

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

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

you. 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.

*(Additional psalms and canticles may be sung or said. Silence for meditation follows each psalm or canticle. A psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.)*

One or two lessons are read

*(Silence for meditation follows each reading.)*

*Leader:* The Light shines in the darkness

*All:* and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The Annunciation**

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

*Leader:* 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. My soul pro-claims your  
2. You have cast the might of your

great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joice-s in  
down from their thrones, and up lift-ed the hum-ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hungry with

ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
wor-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,  
and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,

strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more.  
strong is your jus-tice strong your love,

How you fa-vor the weak and low-ly one,  
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

All:   
 Repeat continuously

God of mercy, hold us in love.

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

Leader: A

B

2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

3. For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:
4. For us who are gathered to worship and praise you:
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel:
6. For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:
7. For all those who labor in service to others:
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
10. For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:

Leader:

Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep us, hold us, gracious 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.

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*All may depart in silence, or the leader may say "Go in peace", or the leader may invite all to share a sign of peace.*