Holden Evening Prayer

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1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession

Leader:

Joy-ous light of heav-’ly glo-ry, loy-ing
the light no darkness can o-ver-come;
and the day is al-most over.

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,
and shine within your peo-ple here.

Leader:

Let your light scat-ter the dark-ness,
and shine within your peo-ple here.

Leader:

All:

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Evening Thanksgiving

Leader:

May God be with you all, and also 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:

Amen.

2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES
Psalm 141

All:

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering 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 cry to you.

Let my prayer rise hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like incense before you, the

Let my prayer rise up like incense be-

lifting up of my hands as an offering to

fore you, the lifting up of my hands as an

you. Keep watch within me, God;

of offering to you. Keep
deep in my heart may the light of your love be
watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the
burning bright. Let my prayer rise
light of your love be burning bright.

up like incense before you, the
Let my prayer rise up like incense be-
lifting up of my hands as an offering to
fore you, the lifting up of my hands as an

All praise to the God of all— Creator of life; all
praise to the God of all—Creator of life; all
Spirit of love. Let my prayer rise
praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

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

you. All praise to the God of all—Creator of life; all
of-fer- ing to you. All
(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 proclaims your
greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in
down from their thrones, and up lifted the humble of

2. You have cast the mighty

How you favor the weak and lowly one,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham,

strong is your kindness ever more.
strong is your justice ever more.
kindness for ever more.
3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

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: 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.

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

All: Amen.

Leader: In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

All: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Leader: Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

All: God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leader: Repeat continuously

All: For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:

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:
Final Blessing

**Leader:**

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

**Presider:**

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.

**All:**

Amen.

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.