

**Holden Evening Prayer  
Sunday, December 29, 2024  
9:00 am Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation,  
and arriving soon.

**Amen.**

*God of mercy,*

**We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.  
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

*God of might,*

**We confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors.  
We have trusted false promises.**

*God in our midst,*

**We confess that we have sinned, and ask your forgiveness. Come to us,  
bringing your mercy to birth in us.  
Amen.**

Hear this, people of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

**Invocation**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

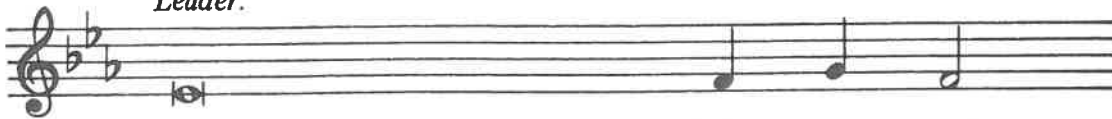
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## 1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

### Procession

*Leader:*



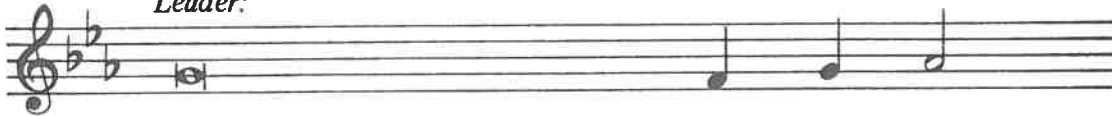
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*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. \_\_\_\_\_  
 free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
 on 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:*

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. —

*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 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.

**Reading****John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message****Hymn of the Day**

*Once in Royal David's City*

**Hymn #269**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



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*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:*

1.3. My soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

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

you,  
heart,                    You have looked with love on your  
                                  You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

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

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

**A** *All:*  
*Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

**B**

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.

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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.*

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