

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Lenten Holden Evening Prayer**  
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**Service of Light**

**Procession** (sung)

L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

**C: the light no darkness can o-ver-come.**

L: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

**C: and the day is al-most over.**

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

**C: and shine within your peo-ple here.**

**ALL: 1. Joy-ous light of heavn'n-ly glo-ry, lov-ing glow of God's own face,  
You who sing cre-a-tion's sto-ry, shine on ev'ry land and race.  
Now as eve-ning falls a-round us, we shall raise our songs to you.  
God of day-break, God of shadow, some and light our hearts a-new.**

**2. In the stars that grace the dark-ness, in the bla-zing sun of dawn,  
In the light of peace and wis-dom, we can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with won-der, love that warms the wea-ry soul,  
Love that bursts all chains a-sun-der, set us free and make us whole.**

**3. You who make the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry dan-cing star of night,  
Make us shine with gen-tle jus-tice, let us each re-flect your light.  
Migh-ty God of all crea-tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our way,  
Lov-ing Spir-it of sal-va-tion, lead us on to end-less day.**

L: May God be with you all.

**C: And al-so with you.**

L: Let us sing our thanks to God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: 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.**

## **Psalmody, Psalm 141 (sung)**

**ALL: Let my prayers rise up like in-cense be-fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.**

- 1. O God, I call to you, come to me now;  
O hear my voice when I cry to you  
Let my pray-er rise up like in-cense be-fore you,  
The lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.**
- 2. Keep watch with-in me, God; deep in my heart  
may the light of your love be bur-ning bright.  
Let my pray-er rise up like in-cense be-fore you,  
The lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.**
- 3. All praise to the God of all, Cre-a-tor of life;  
All praise be to Christ and the Spir-it of love.  
Let my pray-er rise up like in-cense be-fore you,  
The lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.**

**L: 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 may sing your praise and your love in our lives.**

**ALL: Amen.**

## **Meditation**

**L: The light shines in the darkness...**

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

## **The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38)**

**L: 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 (Luke 1:46-55)**

**ALL: 1&3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God,  
And my spir-it rejoices in you.  
You have looked with love on your ser-vant here,  
And blessed me all my life through. (end of 3)**

**Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,  
Strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more,  
How you fa-vor the weak and low-ly one,  
Hum-bling the proud of heart!**

**2. You have cast the might-y down from their thrones,  
And up-lif-ted the hum-ble of heart.  
You have filled the hun-gry with won-drous things,  
And left the wealth-y no part.**

**Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,  
Strong is your jus-tice, strong your love,  
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A-bra-ham,  
Kind-ness for-ev-er more. (back to 1)**

## **Litany and Prayers (Intercessions)**

(hum during the petitions and respond with  
**God of mer-cy, hold us in love.)**

**L: Help us, com-fort us, all of our days;**

**ALL : Keep us, hold us, gra-cious God.**

## **Communion (spoken)**

**L: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**L: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **The Words of Institution**

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

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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**

## **Sharing of the bread and the wine**

### **Communion Blessing**

L: 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**

### **Final Blessing**

L: Let us bless our God:

**ALL: Praise and thanks to you.**

**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. A-men.**

### **Sending**

L: Go in Peace, share the good news.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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