

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Wednesday of Advent
December 23, 2020

Topic: Holden Evening Prayer

Time: December 23, 2020, 7:00 PM Eastern Time

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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 over - come;

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

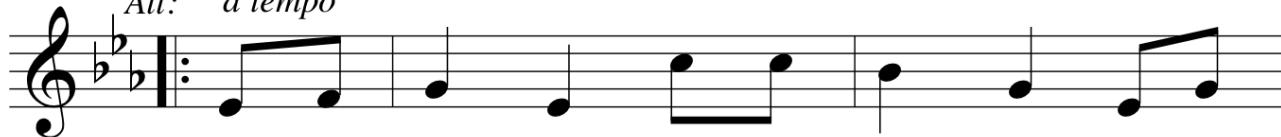
All:
and the day is al - most over.

Leader:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:
and shine within your peo - ple here. *poco rit.* *2*

Evening Hymn
All: *a tempo*

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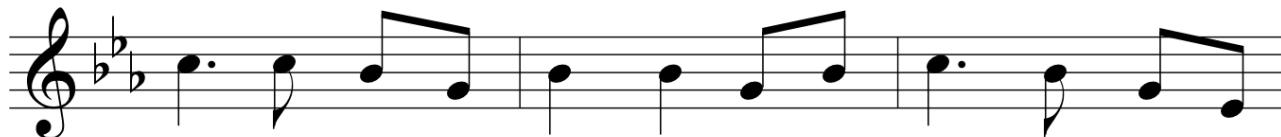
1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



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



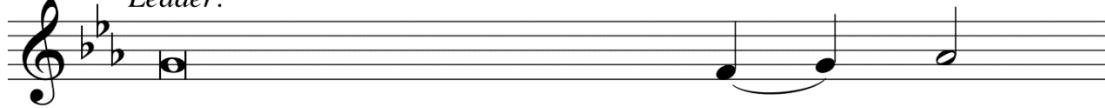
light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

*Evening Thanksgiving**Leader:*

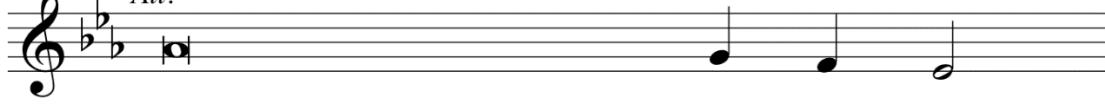
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All:

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.

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2. Psalmody, Reading & 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

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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

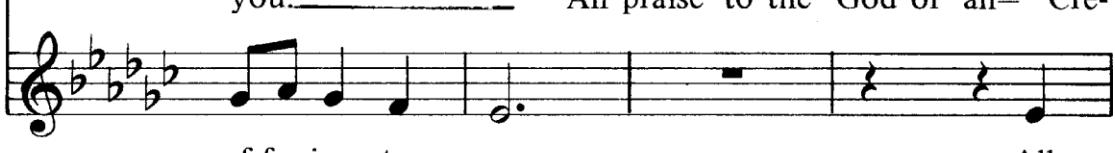
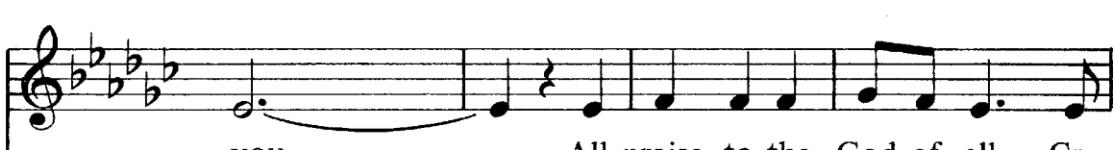
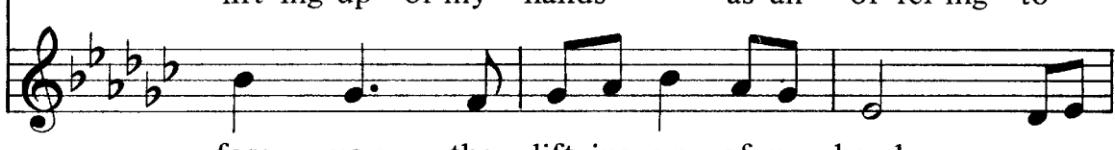
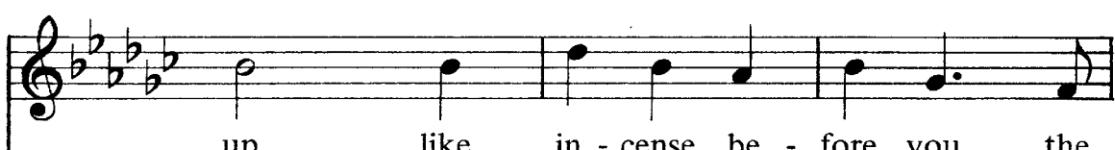
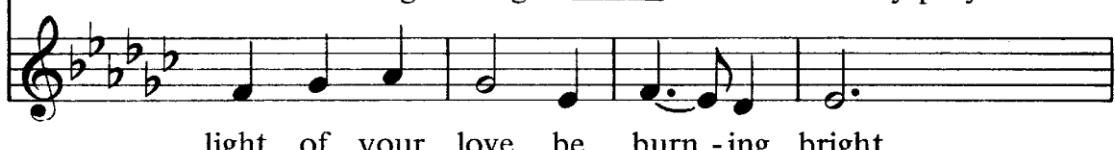
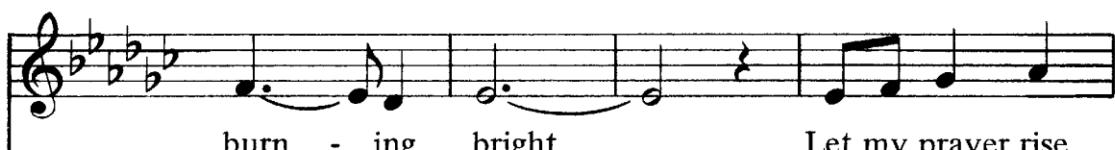
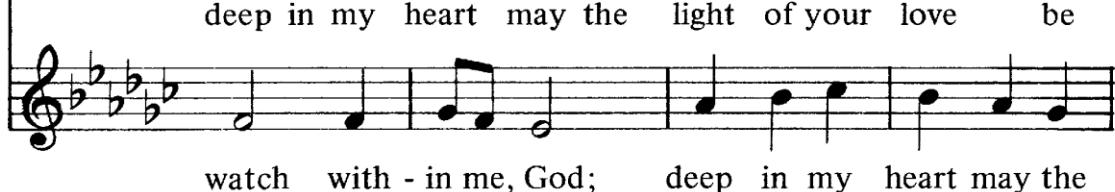
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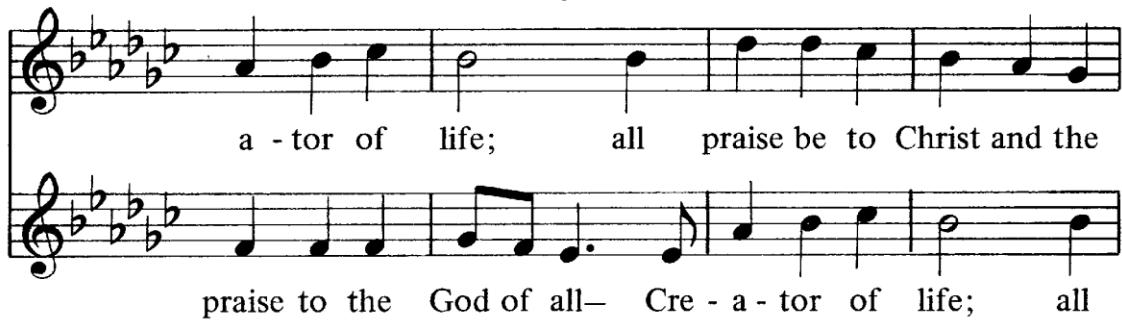
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

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

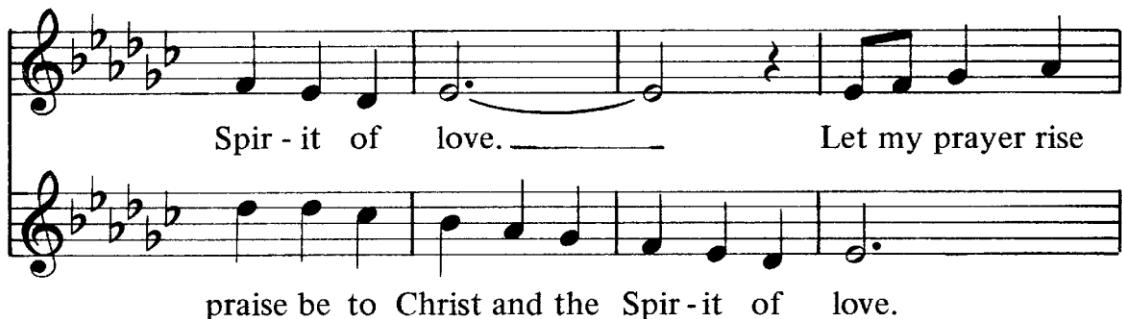
you. — Keep watch with - in me, God;

of-fer-ing to you. Keep

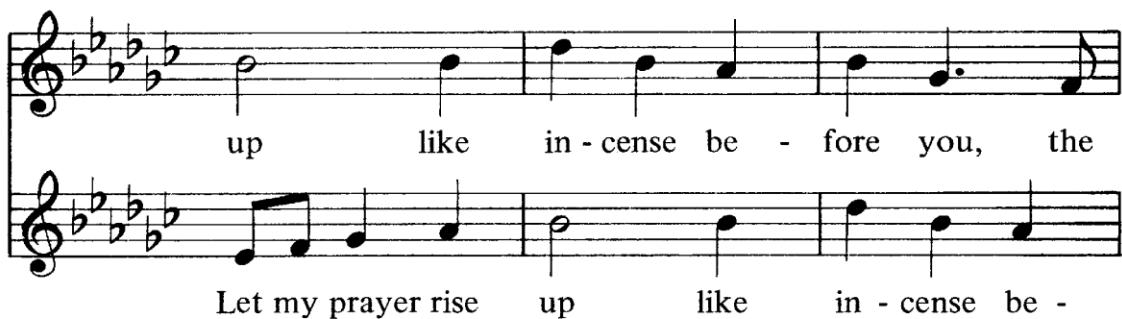




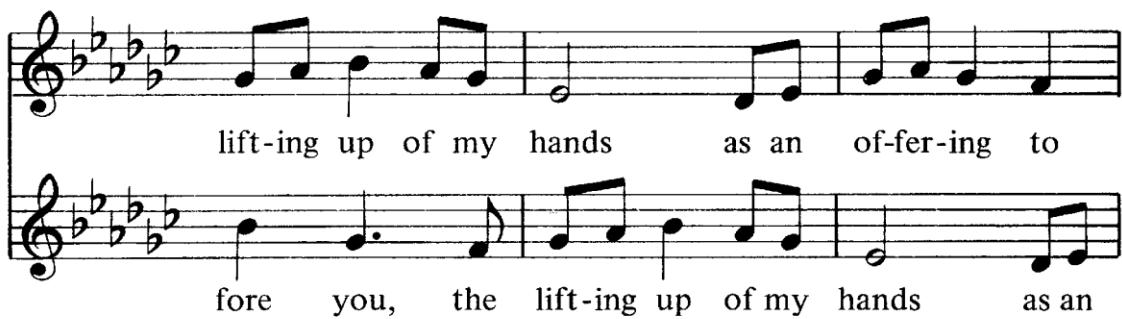
a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all



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 to 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.**

The Lessons are read

Zephaniah 3:14-20

(Reader from Concordia)

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

(Silence for meditation)

Luke 2:8-20

(Rector Ann Lovejoy Johnson Reads)

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

(Silence for meditation)

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness *All: and the darkness has not overcome it.*

The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

(sung by soloists)

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.

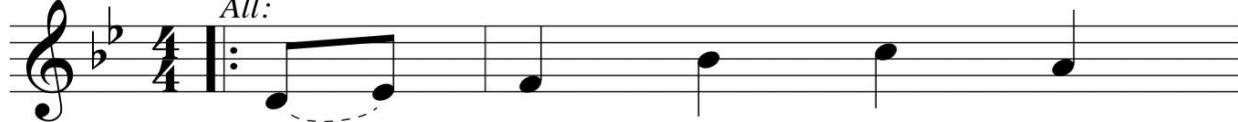
The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.

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
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, You have looked with love - on your
heart, 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,



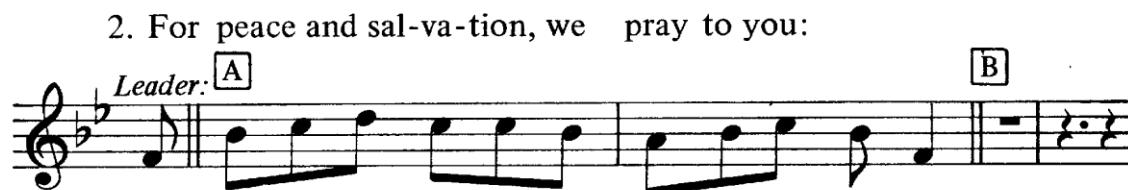
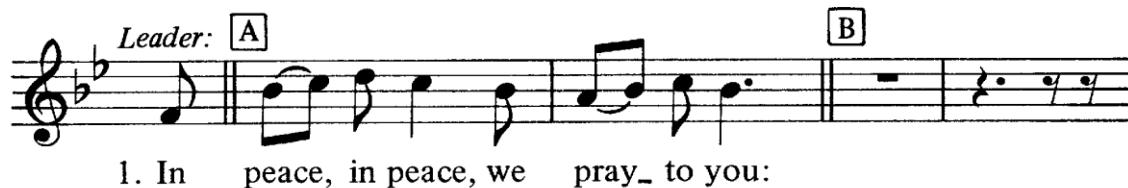
How you fa - vor the weak ____ and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



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

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

All:
A *Repeat continuously*



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.

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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 love 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:

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

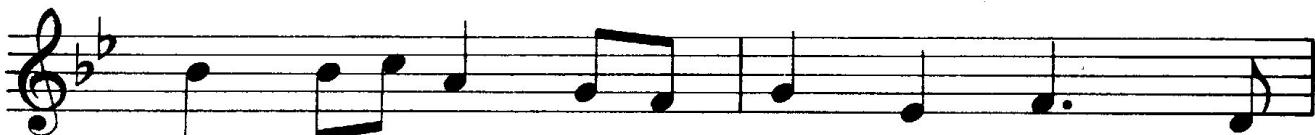
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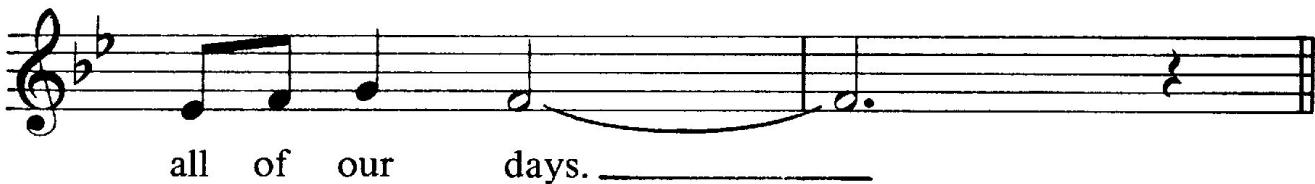
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



All:

A

men.



Leader: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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