Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

and the day is almost over. Let your light scatter the darkness,

and shine within your people here.

1. Joyous light of heav’nly glory, loving
2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the
3. You who made the heav’n’s splendor, ev’ry
glow of God’s own face, you who sing creation’s
blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle

story, shine on ev’ry land and race. Now as
wisdom, we can hear your quiet song. Love that
justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty
Evening Thanksgiving

**Leader or Assistant**

May God be with you all. And also with you.

**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**

Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader or Group One

Verse 1

O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Leader or Group Two

Verse 2

O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

**Psalm 141**

**Refrain**

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.
1. O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

Verse 1
Leader or Group One
1. O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

All or Group Two
1. O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

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

Verse 2
2. Keep watch with hands as an offering to you.
Psalm 141

2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

Verse 2

2. Keep watch within me, God; deep in my

love be burning bright.

Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the

bright. Let my prayer rise up like incense be-

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

you.

Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Creator of

you.
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.

(Alternate psalms are on pages 10–12. The leader will indicate if any of these will be used in the service.)

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.
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.”  

Segue immediately to The Magnificat  

The Magnificat  
Luke 1:46–55  

My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
spir-it re-joic-es in you. You have looked with love on your  
ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,  
great is your kind-ness ev-er-more. How you fa-vor the  
weak and low-ly one, hum-bling the proud of heart!  

Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,  
strong is your jus-tice, strong your love,  
Sar-ah and A-bra-ham, kind-ness for-ev-er-more.
3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

Intercessions

All repeat continuously

A

[Music notation]

Hmmm.

God of mercy, hold us in love.

B

A

Leader or Assistant

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

A

Leader or Assistant

Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

B

All

Keep us, hold us, gracious God.
Closing 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  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 or Assistant  Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

Leader or Assistant  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    Amen.

The leader may invite all to share a sign of peace,
or the leader may say, “Go in peace,” and all depart in silence.
ALTERNATE PSALMS
TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Psalm 25

1. To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my
   spirit seeks refuge in you. From all
   teach me to walk in your ways. Let your
   sin and disgrace keep me sheltered by your
   truth be my light, my salvation shining
   mercy is great to the humble ones who
   hearts, make us wise; for to you we turn our
   grace, for I trust that your promise is true.
   bright; I will serve you the length of my days.
   wait, to the lowly who answer love’s call.
   eyes. We will serve you the length of our days.

Silence for meditation

Leader  God of grace and mercy,
you are the refuge of all who seek you,
you are the shelter of all who wait in hope for you.
Set our feet firmly on your pathway,
and guide us by the light of your truth,
so that we might faithfully follow you
all the days of our lives.
We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

All  Amen.

Return to page 6 for the reading of lessons.
Leader Holy One,
you are steadfast love and abundant mercy
to all who turn to you.
Create within us hearts of love and compassion.
Place in us spirits that are eager to live with integrity.
Give us voice to sing to you with gratitude
and to proclaim you with courage and conviction.
We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

All Amen.

Return to page 6 for the reading of lessons.
WITH ALL MY BEING, I WAIT

Psalm 130
Refrain

(All (melody)

With all my being, I wait for you, O God, and in your word I place my hope, and in your word I place my hope.

(harmony)

to Verses Last time

Verses

Leader or Assistant

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O God: O God, hear my voice. Let your ears be open to the sound of my cries for mercy.
2. If you, O God, should mark our sins, O God, who could stand? But in you is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
3. I wait for God, with all my heart, I wait. In God’s God, who could stand? But in you is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

D.C.

those who watch for morning.

Silence for meditation

Leader

Patient and ever-present God,
you are loving and forgiving to all.
Hear our voices
amidst the darkness,
in the silence,
from the depths of our hearts.
As we wait and watch
for the dawning of your light in us,
show us your mercy and compassion.
Show us Jesus, your Son, our Savior.

All

Amen.

Return to page 6 for the reading of lessons.