



ASSEMBLY EDITION

Holden Evening Prayer

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1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

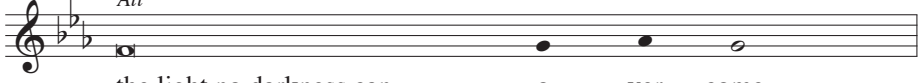
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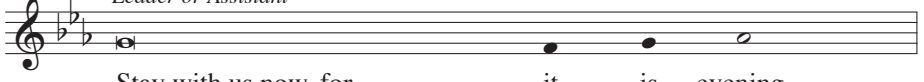
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



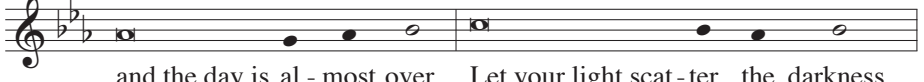
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant




Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All *Leader or Assistant*



and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,


All



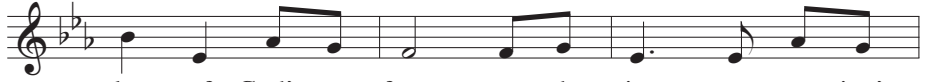
and shine within your peo - ple here.

Evening Hymn


All



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly 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 or Assistant May God be with you all. *All* And al - so with you.

Leader or Assistant 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

Refrain

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.

Verse 1*Leader or Group One*

1. O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two

1. O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I cry to
call to you, come to me now; O hear my

Refrain

you. Let my prayer rise up like

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

Verse 2

of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -

hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.

heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

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

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

Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

you. 3. All praise to the

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

Refrain

love. Let my prayer rise up like
Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of-fer-ing to you.
hands as an 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.

*(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.

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.”

Segue immediately to The Magnificat

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46–55

All

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

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. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to

D.C.
weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

Intercessions

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
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:

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious 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 *All*
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* A - men.

*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

HART LAKE



1. To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my
 2. O set my feet on path-ways of peace and
 3. Re - mem - ber, God, your mer - cy and love, for -
 4. The path of God is love with - out end to



spir - it seeks ref - uge in you. From all
 teach me to walk in your ways. Let your
 give me for times when I fall; for your
 pil - grims who walk in God's ways. Teach our



sin and dis - grace keep me shel - tered by your
 truth be my light, my sal - va - tion shin - ing
 mer - cy is great to the hum - ble ones who
 hearts, make us wise; for to you we turn our



grace, for I trust that your prom - ise is true.
 bright; I will serve you the length of my days.
 wait, to the low - ly who an - swer 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.

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O FAITHFUL GOD

Psalm 51

MARTIN'S RIDGE



1. O faith-ful God, have mer-cy on your ser-vant here;
 2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail-ings well;
 3. You long for truth, for wis-dom dwell-ing deep with-in;



in your love, re-mem-ber not my sins. In the
 I have sinned and bro-ken faith with you. For the
 teach my heart to long for wis-dom, too: Wash me



wa-ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis-grace;
 wrong that I have done, my trans-gres-sions, ev-'ry one,
 clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re-joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.
 God your judg-ment would be just and true.
 turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre-ate in me a clean and right-eous heart, O God, put a



will-ing spir-it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a-new the sal-



va-tion found in you, sing-ing praise to you who made me whole.

Silence for meditation

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.

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WITH ALL MY BEING, I WAIT

Psalm 130

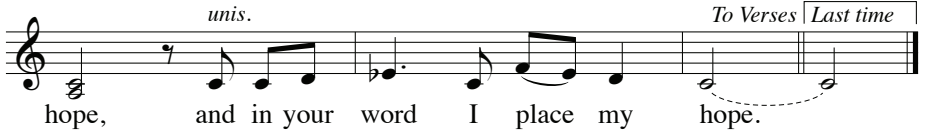
Refrain

All (melody)

With all my be - ing, I wait for



you, O God, and in your word I place my



hope, and in your word I place my hope.

Verses

Leader or Assistant

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O God: O
 2. If you, O God, should mark our sins, O
 3. I wait for God, with all my heart I wait. In God's



God, hear my voice. Let your ears be o - pen to the
 God, who could stand? But in you is for-give-ness, so that
 word is my hope. My soul is wait - ing more than



sound of my cries for mer - cy.
 we can, with rev - 'rence, serve you.
 those who watch for morn - ing.

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.*

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