

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

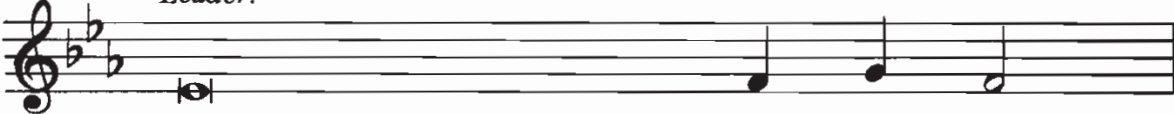
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SERVICE OF LIGHT

A candle is lit.


Procession

Leader:



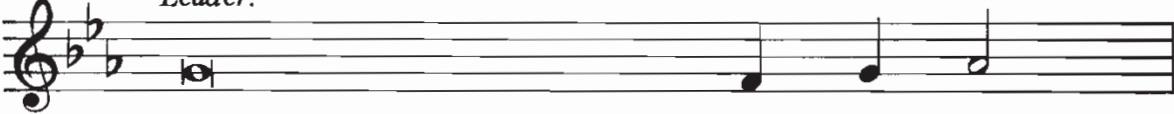
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:




the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



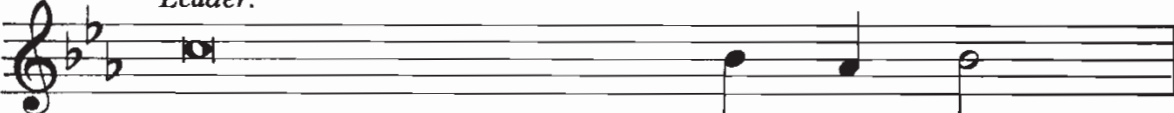
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo-ple here. —



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

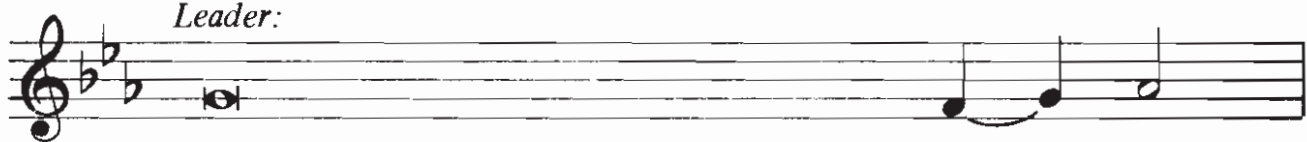


light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



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.



PSALM, READING & CANTICLE

Psalm 141

O Lord, 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.

Keep watch within me, O God, deep in my heart;

May the light of your love be burning brightly within me!

Incense may be lit. You may lift your hands in silent prayer and meditation

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 praise you for your love in our lives. Amen.**

First Reading

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Silence for meditation.

Second Reading

The Prayer of St. Brigid

Brigid of Kildare, 453-525, along with Patrick, is the Patron Saint of Ireland. Baptized and mentored by St. Patrick, she was known for her generosity and concern for the poor. She devoted her life to serving God and people. She founded a monastery and convent at Kildare and became the Abbess of both. They were renowned for their hospitality—including the wonderful beer they made and shared. This is her prayer:

I would like the angels of heaven to be among us.

I would like an abundance of peace.

I would like vessels filled to the brim with charity and love.

I would like a rich treasure of mercy. I would like cheerfulness and kindness to preside over all.

I would like Jesus to be present . . . and to see Christ, who dwells in every creature.

I would like the "Three Mary's of Illustrious Renown" to be with us—for they saw the empty tomb of Jesus and were the first to hear the announcement of the resurrection—Mary Magdalene, Mary of Cleopas and Mary Salome.

I would like our friends who are in heaven to be gathered all around us.

I would like my life and my very self to be a prayer to the Lord: If I suffer may it somehow be a blessing to others.

And I would like a great Lake of Beer for Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords; and I would like to be with Heaven's Family drinking it through all eternity! Amen!

Silence for meditation.

The Light shines in the darkness

And the darkness has not overcome it!

The Annunciation & The Magnificent

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")

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



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.

LITANY & PRAYERS

Candles may be lit as a way to pray.

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.

Great and Merciful God, Source and Ground of all Goodness and Life,

Grant to us and to your people everywhere the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Dance and Lover of our Soul. Amen.

God, remember us in your Love, and teach us to pray:

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come: your will be done on earth as it is 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 you reign in power and glory, 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.

Go in peace. Follow the Way of the Cross.
Thanks be to God!

You may share signs of peace with those in your space and on zoom.