



# HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

February 20, 2021

5:00 p.m.

## PRELUDE

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world; the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Stay with us now, for it is evening, and the day is al - most over.

Let your light scat - ter the darkness, and shine upon your peo - ple here.

## EVENING HYMN

Joy - ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov-ing blow of God's own face,  
 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of dawn,  
 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of night,

you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race.  
 in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song.  
 make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light.

Now as eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to you,  
 Love that fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wear - y soul,  
 Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way,

God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

**Amen.**

## PSALM 141

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. — 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 in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my  
hands as an of-fer-ing to you. — Keep watch with - in me, God;  
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing bright. —  
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. — 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 prayer rise



#### FIRST READING

Psalm 15

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### NARRATIVE READING

Luke 10:25-42

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a

Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## CREED

"Grace Like An Ocean"

Grace is like an ocean  
And The Spirit hovers over the face of these waters  
Yet we're not meant to play it safe by the harbor  
We are all drawn deeper and farther  
Called into relationships to travel seas uncharted

Like raindrops  
On our cheeks and our chests  
Our tears and our sweat  
Connecting our bodies, our blood  
Streams of consciousness collected in  
Pondering ponds, puddles, swamps, and gutters  
Wandering waters so often huddled where we're taught they don't belong

However far from the garden—  
Life grows wherever the water flows  
In the cracked concrete of a city street or even in the desert heat we can still find the  
budding of rose

Only our imagination limits where Holy Spirit moves  
Like a flood  
Breaking gates and walls  
Baptizing beyond the lines of society  
And our comfort zones  
The raging waves make mountains, and shape diamonds cut from stone, gentle drops soak  
the soil where the smallest seed becomes the tallest oak

No place too high or too low, too remote or too close  
Grace explodes and unfolds  
The tides are ever changing and giving rise to new hope

Remember these waters where it all begins  
Where we all belong  
All gathered, all called, all sent  
Grace is the water in which we all swim

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*We gather our prayers using a sung response.*

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one, let us pray for the church, the world and all  
God's creation.

Lord, in your mer-cy, hear our\_ prayer.

Li - sten to our cry.

*(Brief Silence)*

Each petition concludes:  
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always  
hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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



Let us bless our God: 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.

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### MUSICAL MEDITATION

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