



## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

February 27, 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 within your peo - ple here.

## EVENING HYMN



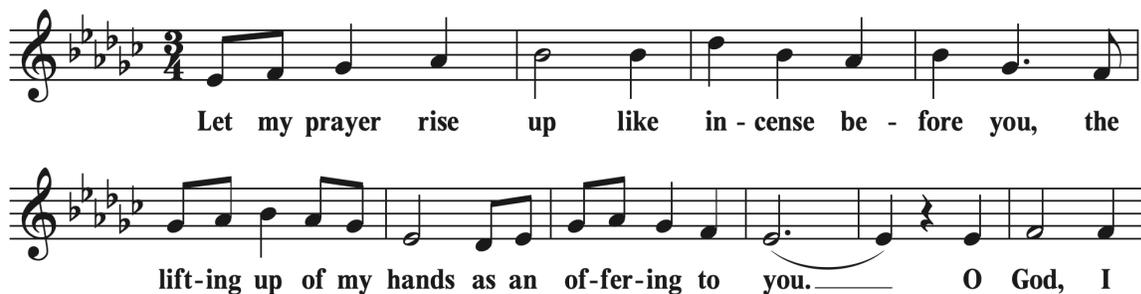
Joy - ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov-ing blow of God's own face,  
In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of dawn,  
You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of night,  
you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race.  
in the 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

Holy One of mighty power, your word is powerful. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the universe. Help us to stand in awe of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can free us, Jesus Christ.

**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

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

hands as an of-fer-ing to you. —

## FIRST READING

Psalm 130

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup>If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NARRATIVE READING

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Word of God. Word of life.

**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.**

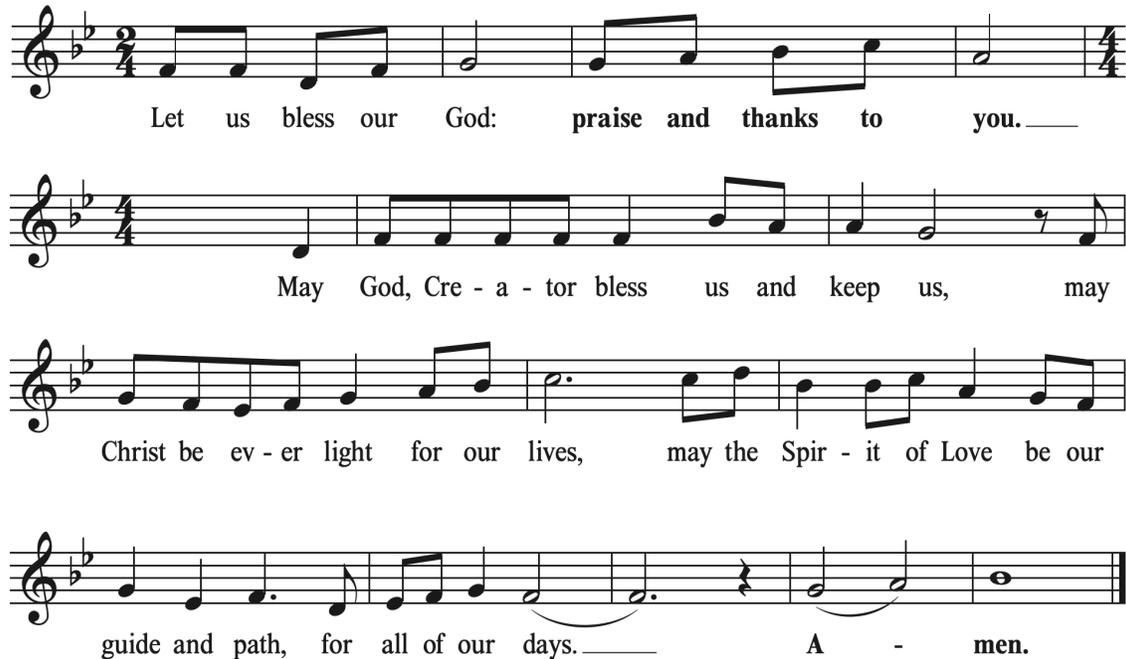
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

PREACHING & PRESIDING Pastor Melissa Pohlman  
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