to the people of the Winter Community at Holden, 1985-1986

Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT
Procession

Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can overcome;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is almost over.

Leader:

Let your light scatter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your people here.

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Evening Hymn

1. Joy-ous light of heav’n-ly glo-ry, lov-ing
glow of God’s own face, you who sing cre-a-tion’s
eve-ning falls a-round us, we shall raise our songs to
you, God of day-break, God of shad-ows, come and
free and make us whole.

2. In the stars that grace the dark-ness, in the
blaz-ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
the night with won-der, love that
soul, Love that bursts all chains a-sun-der, set us
on to end-less day.

3. You who made the heav-en’s splen-dor, ev’ry
danc-ing star of night, make us shine with gen-tle
wis-dom, we can hear your qui-et song. Love that
way, Lov-ing Spir-it of sal-va-tion, lead us
just-ice, let us each re-flex your light. Might-y
sto-ry, shine on ev’ry land and race. Now as
God of all cre-a-tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our
light our hearts a-new.
Evening Thanksgiving

Leader:

May God be with you all, and also with you;

Leader:

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:

Amen.

2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

Psalm 141

All:

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

Leader or Group One:

— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:

O God, I
now; O hear my voice when I call to you, come to me now; O 
cry to you. Let my prayer rise hear my voice when I cry to you. 
up like in cense be - fore you, the 
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - 
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an 
you. Keep watch with - in me, God; 
of-fer-ing to you. Keep
deep in my heart may the light of your love be
watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the
burning bright. Let my prayer rise
light of your love be burning bright.

up like incense before you, the
Let my prayer rise up like incense be-
lifting up of my hands as an offering to
fore you, the lifting up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre-
ofering to you. All
a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the praise to the God of all—Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to fore you, the lift - ing up of my 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.

(Additional psalms and canticles may be sung or said. Silence for meditation follows each psalm or canticle. A psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.)

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.” (immediately to “The Magnificat”)

The Magnificat
Luke 1: 46-55

All:

1. My soul proclaims your
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 hungry with servant here, and blessed me all my life through. wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.

Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,

strong is your kindness evermore. strong is your justice strong your love,

How you favor the weak and lowly one, As you promised to Sarah and Abraham,

humbling the proud of heart. kindness forevermore.
3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

All: Repeat continuously

(Hmmm)

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leader: A         B

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

Leader: A         B

2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

Leader: A         B

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:
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: Abba, Imma 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:*  
Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

*All:*  
May God, Creator bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

*All:*  
Amen.

All may depart in silence, or the leader may say "Go in peace", or the leader may invite all to share a sign of peace.