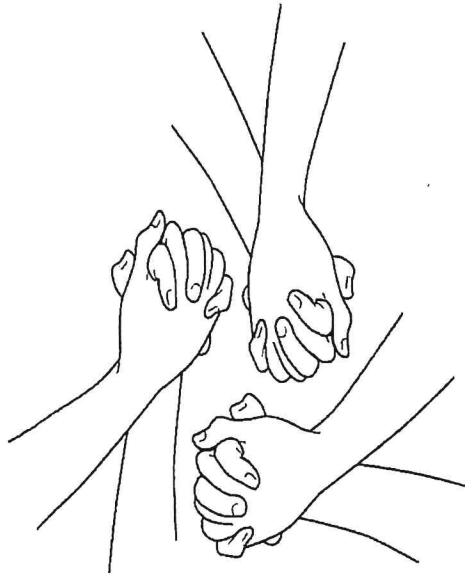


# Holden Evening Prayer Service



## ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

*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. —

*All: a tempo*

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

ev - 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.

*Leader:* May God be with you all, *All:* and al - so 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:* A — men.

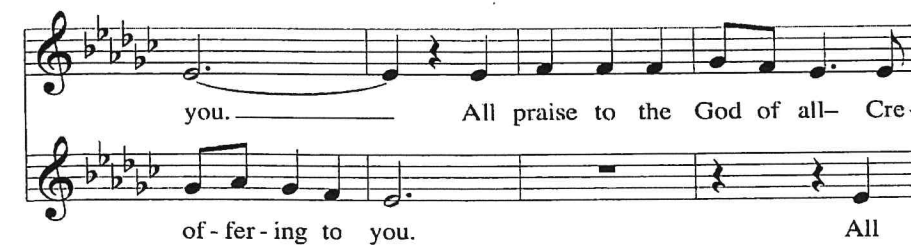
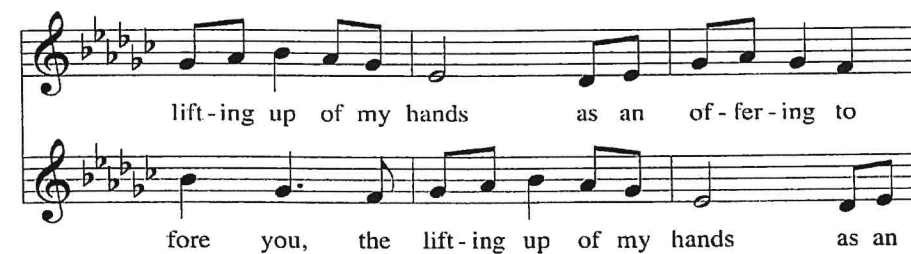
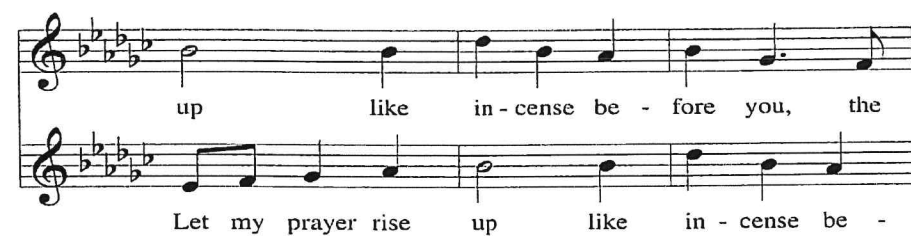
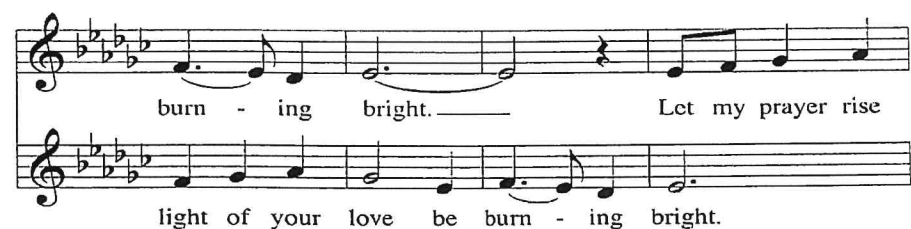
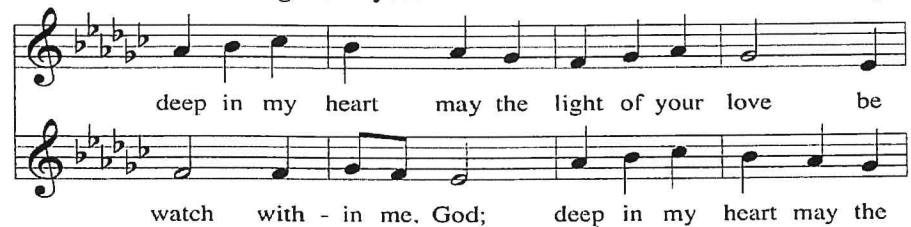
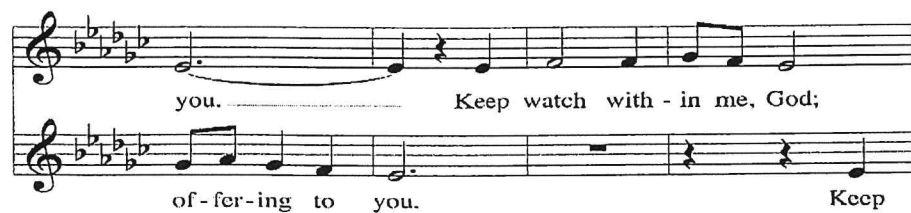
*All:* Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my  
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

*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 -



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  
you.  
of - fer - ing to you.

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

Readings

Sermon

Hymn

L: The light shines in the darkness,

**C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

L: *(Sung)* 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."

*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

*fine last time*

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.

**[A]** *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-vation, 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.

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: Great and merciful God, source and ground of all goodness and life, we give you thanks for all that you have given us. Now 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.

C: Amen.

### Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Communion



*Here at Ascension, all are welcome at Christ's table. You do not have to be Lutheran or be a member of Ascension to commune. We believe that the bread and wine are the true presence of Christ's body and blood, given and shed for all people.*

L: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*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.

### Dismissal

L: Let us go in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.



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