



ASSEMBLY EDITION

Holden
Evening
Prayer

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Advent I | December 1, 2024

GATHERING

*Cello will play the
Melody once. Join on
the verse. Verse 1*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way, Re - joice! Re - joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

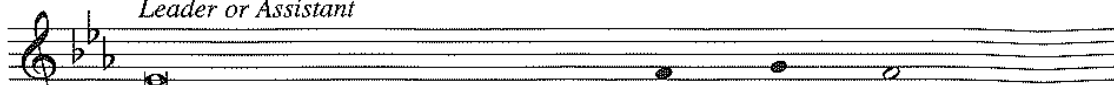
to the people of the Winter Community at Holden, 1985–1986

Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

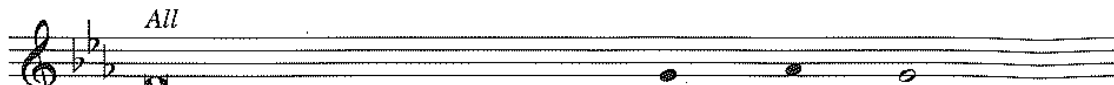
Procession

Leader or Assistant



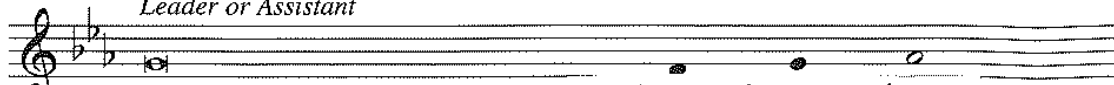
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All




the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant




You dawn upon us as the morn - ing sun



and guide our feet into the way of peace. Let your light scat-ter the darkness,

All



and shine within your peo-ple here.

Morning Hymn *All*



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly 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

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morning dawns 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.

Morning Thanksgiving

Leader or Assistant *All*
May God be with you all. And al - so with you.
Leader or Assistant *All*
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.

All
A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

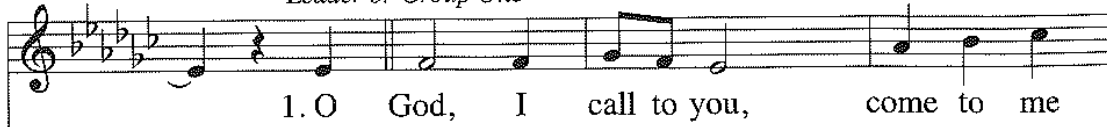
Psalm 141

Refrain

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.

Verse 1

Leader or Group One

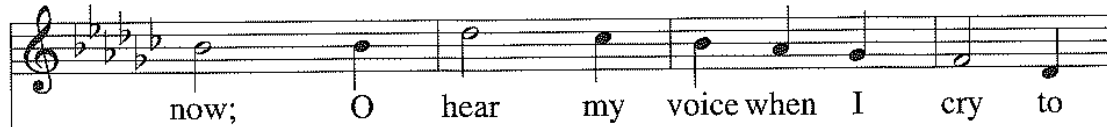


1. O God, I call to you, come to me

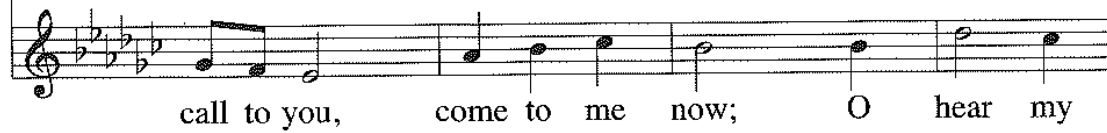
All or Group Two



1. O God, I

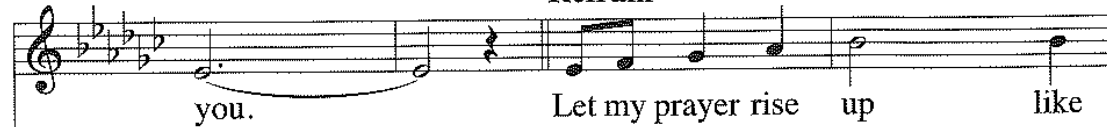


now; O hear my voice when I cry to

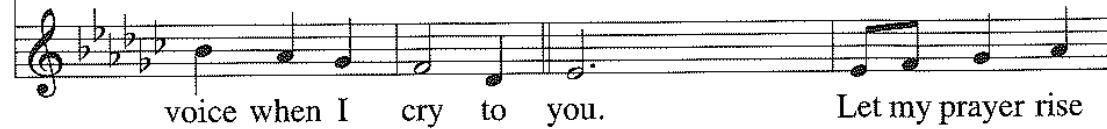


call to you, come to me now; O hear my

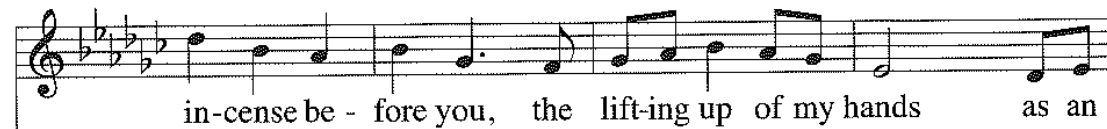
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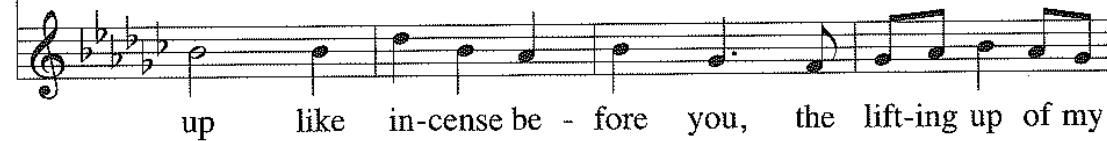
you. Let my prayer rise up like



voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

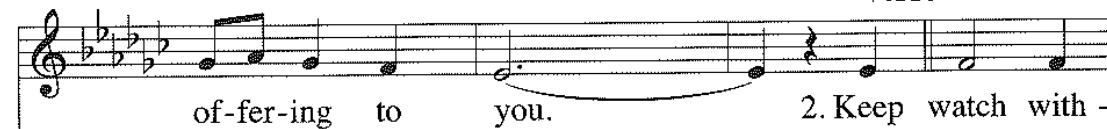


in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an



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

Verse 2



of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -



hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.

heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

you. 3. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of
 God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to

Refrain

love. Let my prayer rise up like
 Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

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

of-fer-ing to you.
 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.

WORD

CHILDRENS SERMON

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**
- ⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-
| ness, O LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- ¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

9 You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**10 All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come and See

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What are you look - ing for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

The gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Jesus said:]²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees;³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly,³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW 436 Wake Awake For Night is Flying*

Leader A 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."

The Magnificat
Luke 1:46-55

All

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
 2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
 lift - ed the hum - ble of 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. How you fa - vor the
 strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to

D.C.

weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
 Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

Intercessions

All
A *repeat continuously* B

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

A
Leader or Assistant B

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
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:

A
Leader or Assistant

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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Closing Prayers

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 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

Leader or Assistant *All*

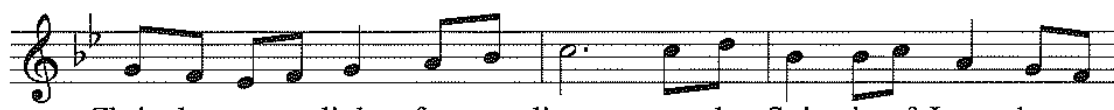


Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

Leader or Assistant

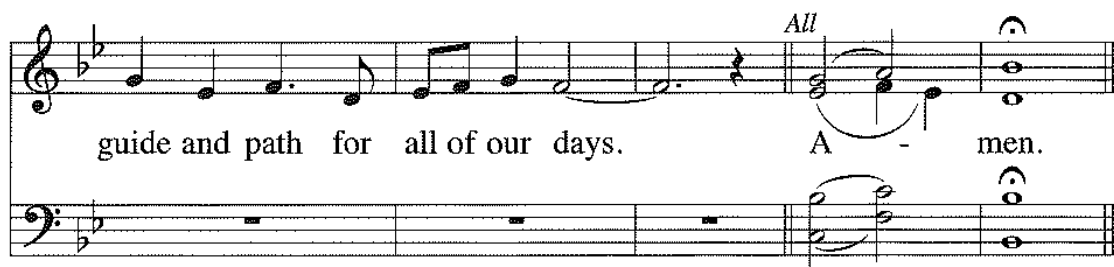


May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

All



guide and path for all of our days. A - men.

Announcements

**Special Offering for December is
Freedom in Christ
Prison Ministries**

Women's Bible Study meets at 10:00 am on Tuesdays in the gathering space. For more information, you may contact Martha Crofts (239-643-3027) or Marla Ebel (406-664-3178).

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm through Advent we will continue the Advent study, "The Weary World Rejoices" with Pastor Ben. The dates are December 3, December 10, and December 17.

Sunday, December 15
SAVE THE DATE

The Worship and Family Life Committees join forces to provide a light lunch of

Sloppy Joes, Salad, Fruit, and Dessert—
Peppermint or Vanilla Hot Fudge Sundaes & Cookies

Sunday, December 15
immediately following Morning Worship.

A musical treat is added with a 'Round the Table Sing of holiday favorites including Deck the Halls, Jingle Bells, and The Twelve Days of Christmas.

There's no charge but we need your help, by signing up,
so we may adequately prepare.

December 20 at 6:00 pm Calvary Episcopal has invited us to join them at their church for "The Longest Night" service. Both Dick Crofts and Pastor Ben will be participating musically.

We look forward to adorning our sanctuary with poinsettias again this year. As in the past, members and friends fund this project to honor and memorialize loved ones. Should you wish to make such a donation, please complete a form, found on the hymnal bookcase, with the appropriate information. These donors and names will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Poinsettias are \$20 again this year.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATION FORM

Please submit this form, with payment, \$20 each, to the church office or the offering plate. Note Poinsettia on your check, please.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

A list of dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

We have two remaining positions on Council to be filled - Stewardship and Outreach

The Stewardship Chair helps the church recognize the gifts we have been given and how we might steward those gifts in service of the church and the world. This person would, with the help of their committee and Pastor Ben, oversee the fall stewardship campaign, invite congregation members to share with the church why they give to the church, and collect the pledges of our members. Could this be you?

The Outreach Chair helps the church reach beyond its walls for the sake of sharing the good news we celebrate on Sundays. This person would work with Pastor Ben and the rest of council to communicate our welcome and how best to "get the word out". They would help organize our special offering schedule and offer service opportunities for members in Red Lodge. Could this be you?

These are two important positions and the people that fill them would receive the full support of council and the congregation. Being part of Messiah's church council is working with other members dedicated to the thriving of the church and God's children. This is the work of every church member, but we invite you to take up one of these two positions and lead us in doing the work we're to which we are called.

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer request book with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for the family of Doug Beckman, Melinda Berry, Brook Feister, the family of Jim Koski, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Rob Loney, Carlos Ramalho, the family of Dolly Stuber, and David Tilton

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Thank you.

Live by faith . Share Christ's Love . Be a Voice for Hope