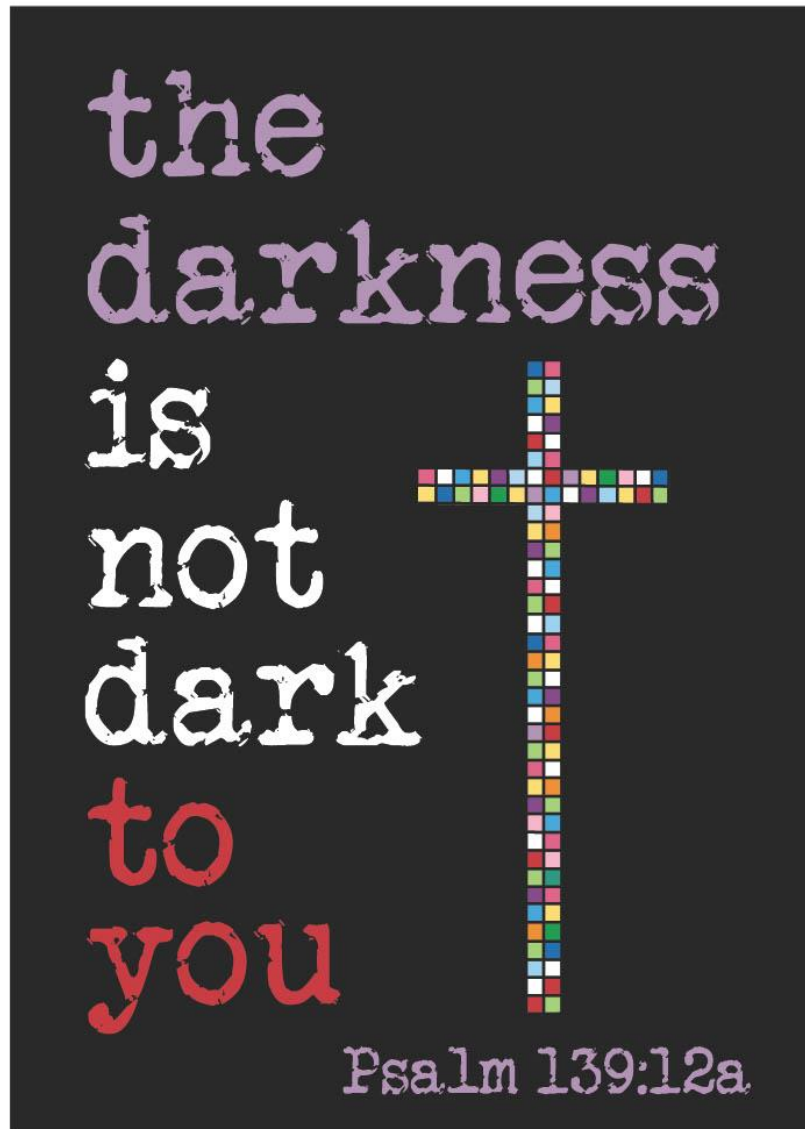


## **St. John's Lutheran Church Lenten Tool Kit 2023**

*Everything You Needed to Know About Lent but Were Afraid to Ask*



**St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA  
20165 Heath Ave.  
Lakeville, MN 55044**

(to access this toolkit with active links, go online to [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org), scroll down on the homepage to Lenten Toolkit, and click it)

## **PRE-LENT ALL-CONGREGATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

### **Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 19 – 9:00-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**

This is a fundraiser breakfast for youth going to camp and mission trips this coming summer. Free-will offering. Pancakes, gluten-free pancakes, syrup and other toppings, sausages, juice, milk, and coffee. Come one, come all!

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

### **Drive-Thru Ashes - 6:30-8:30 am and 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

Note: Come during one of the time frames above, if you wish ashes earlier in the day or can't come to worship in the evening. Drive by the entrance to church to receive ashes on your forehead and an Ash Wednesday blessing from Pastor Andy or Pastor Kim. Coffee and a treat will be provided, as well

### **Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Ash Wednesday – 5:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

This year, Lenten soup suppers are back! Gather with fellow Johnnies before Lenten service for a simple, yet substantial enough supper of soup, breads, salad, dessert, and beverages. Suggested gift: \$3/person and \$10/family max. Different small groups in the church will serve the supper each week

### **Ash Wednesday Worship and Holy Communion - 6:30 pm in the sanctuary**

We will gather as we normally do for Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary, complete with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Worship on this most meaningful night as we begin our Lenten time of repentance and renewal together as a congregation

### **YouTube LiveStream Worship**

If you will be watching the LiveStream of our in-person service, utilize the liturgy sheet included in this tool kit as you follow along and use your own bread and wine/grape juice at home as you take Holy Communion this night. You can access the video live at 6:30 pm or as a regular YouTube video anytime after the 6:30 pm service is complete at this link:

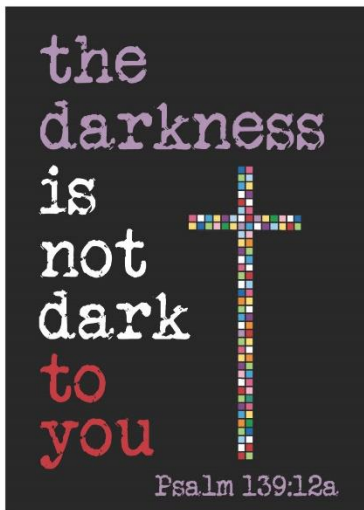
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtqhmin2C7rAR0ofydvAHJQ>

### **If you will be worshipping online during Lent**

Please come to the church office to pick up your Lenten take-home kit. The kit includes a paper copy of this Lenten Toolkit, special weekly focus themes we hope you will use once Lenten services are over each week, and any other instructions or information related to Lent and Holy Week that you'll need at home. Thank you!

## LENTEN SUNDAYS – FEBRUARY 26 – APRIL 2

**Regular weekly worship at 8:15 and 10:30 AM worship in the sanctuary.** This Lent, we will continue to move through the Revised Common Lectionary with our Sunday Scripture passages, moving us closer each week to Jesus' walk to the cross on our behalf. This year, our gospel readings all come from the Gospel of Matthew. If you wish to worship from your car in the church parking lot, we continue to broadcast it on 92.3 on your FM car radio dial. We will bring out a bulletin and Communion, as well as receive your offering. Also, A.C.E. and Sunday school are still in full swing on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 am. A.C.E. can be found on our Livestream, as well.



### LENTEN WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 1 - 29

***"The Darkness is Not Dark to You"***

**This year's Lenten theme** - "The Darkness is Not Dark to You" – comes from numerous places and themes in the Bible that specifically move us past thinking only about "darkness" or "night" as images of death, sin, evil, fear, or threat. Too often, we assign goodness and life to "light" versus badness and death to "dark." This is too simplistic and not Biblical. Psalm 139 is a particular focal point for us that promises a whole other dimension to darkness: the time of creative renewal with God. Each Wednesday during Lenten services,

we will explore this from different angles. How can darkness, nighttime, and quiet actually be time for God to envelope us in grace-filled rest, reflection, renewal, and relief? With God's assurance of love and safety for us during these times, how can times of darkness serve to draw us closer to God, produce honesty and repentance in us, help us lay back trustingly in God's arms of protection, and experience the weight of life lifted from us in the renewal of our minds and bodies? Finally, was it not in the darkness that Jesus gave up His life for us, slept in death in the tomb, and arose from it to walk into newness of life – God's gift of grace throughout every aspect of our journey through life and death and into resurrection?

We will worship at **6:30 pm in the sanctuary on Wednesdays** during Lent again this year. All Lenten services will also be LiveStreamed on YouTube, as well. Go to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtqhmin2C7rAR0ofydvAHJQ>. Also, you can find each week's service video at [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org) when you scroll down to and click on "Worship Services."

**Wed., Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday)** - "When Sin Finally Dies"

featured preacher: Pastor Andy

**Wed., Mar. 1** - "When New Life Comes into Being"

featured preacher: Pastor Kim

**Wed., Mar. 8** - "When Nighttime Becomes Life-time"

featured preacher: Pastor Andy

**Wed., Mar. 15** - "When Hidden Treasures are Revealed"

featured preacher: Pastor Kim

**Wed., Mar. 22** - "When Lament is Liberation"

featured preacher: Pastor Andy

**Wed., Mar. 29** - "When Discernment Persists into Blessing"

featured preacher: Pastor Kim

Lenten Services will feature the "Holden Evening Prayer" liturgy. Find a copy on our website or included in this Lenten toolkit.

### **Wednesday Lent Schedule**

- 5:30 - 6:30 - JAM Choir & Middle School Choir
- 5:30 - 6:30 - Soup Supper
- 6:30 - 7:15 - Lenten Worship Service
- 7:15 - 8:00 - Lenten Mentors/Affirm
- 7:15 - 8:45 - Chancel Choir

### **Affirm Lenten Mentor Conversations**

During the church season of Lent, our focus in Affirm shifts to worship and Lenten Mentor conversations. This year, our 6th-7th graders will visit one-on-one with a Lenten Mentor of their choice, using conversation guides provided each week. Simultaneously, 8th-9th graders will be working with their small group leaders on Luther's Small Catechism: the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, and the 10 Commandments. Worship is at 6:30 pm Wednesdays, and Lenten Mentor conversations begin immediately after worship ends. *Any 6th-7th graders who need help finding a Lenten Mentor, please contact Pastor Kim.*

### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS – WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-6:30 pm**

This year, the tradition of in-person Lenten soup suppers is back! Gather with fellow Johnnies before Lenten service each week for a simple, yet substantial enough supper of soup, breads, salad, dessert, and beverages. Suggested gift: \$3/person and \$10/family max. Different small groups in the church will serve the supper each week

## LENTEN BANKS PROJECT



An annual Lenten staple at St. John's, the Global Missions Team will again be handing out paper banks to take home and fill during Lent. Banks will be made available beginning Sun., Feb. 19 and Ash Wed., Feb. 22. This fundraiser sends all proceeds to our companion church in Muhanga, Tanzania, East Africa. Funds this year are specifically targeted at a **Clean Water Project** in the village. Please fill your bank with coins and/or other cash or check (if check, make payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and put "Lenten Bank" on the memo line). You can drop your banks off in the rain barrel in the sanctuary any Sunday during Lent you are in church. Thank you for participating in this important project again this year. **All banks are due back by Easter Sunday, Apr. 9.** After Easter, we will report the result of this fundraiser!

## EASTER BUTTER BRAID SALE

Our Youth will greatly benefit when you purchase Butter Braids. There are many flavors of Butter Braid pastry or delicious cinnamon and caramel rolls! You can purchase them at the link below or paper order forms will be available in the narthex on Wednesdays and Sundays.

**Final orders are due March 5.** Butter braids will arrive and ready for you to pick up on March 21.

Please contact [amanda@sjlcl.org](mailto:amanda@sjlcl.org) or [candy@sjlcl.org](mailto:candy@sjlcl.org) with any questions. We can help you with your order.

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/RegisterSeller/214df9f3-9f2c-4566-b675-328ffe1f28f6>

## SPRING COMPOST SALE



Our youth who are attending summer camps and programs are hosting a SPRING COMPOST SALE! Each bag of compost is sold for \$3.50 and our youth programs will receive \$3.00 of each bag sold! Another option is that you can bring your own container and make us an offer. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER!

Compost will be ready for pick-up on ***Saturday morning, May 20 from 9:00am-11:00am and Sunday, May 21 from 11:00am-2:00pm***. Please come and get fantastic compost for your garden and planters!

Please fill out the form by clicking on the link below: Enter your name, email and how many 20 pound bags of compost you would like. Please pick up your compost in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 20 from 9:00am-11:00pm or Sunday May 21st, 11:00am-1:00pm. Bring cash, card or check at the time of pick-up. St. John's Lutheran Church address is: 20165 Heath Ave. Lakeville, MN 55044. Thank you! Link: <https://forms.gle/jFmDArrnvMCxyy6C6>

## EASTER FLOWERS SALE

Help bring the color and life of Easter to our St. John's sanctuary with beautiful flowers for Easter Services!

Again this year, we will be selling an assortment of Bachman's cold weather-tolerant flowers that can be used inside and outside. This is a Worship Arts Ministry Team fundraiser for the Piano Fund.

Watch Sunday bulletins and narthex displays for ways to order Easter plants. Many people give them in memory or in honor of someone special in their lives. Thank you, in advance, for taking part in this very meaningful part of our Easter Sunday worship services.

Please contact Office Manager Candy Nordine at [candy@sjlcl.org](mailto:candy@sjlcl.org) with any questions. Thank you!

## HOLY WEEK - PALM and PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 2

**8:15 and 10:30 am** worship services, as usual, in the sanctuary. Again this year, we will experience a “procession of palms” from the back of the sanctuary to the front, mimicking what Jesus’ followers did that first Palm Sunday in Jerusalem. While we read, pray, and sing, many of our own fellow Johnnies will join in procession waving palms and cheering in joy as they lay their palms at the foot of the cross in the front of the church and make way for Jesus to enter.

During the second half of the service, our focus transitions, as it did on the first Palm Sunday, from the cheers of Jesus as Messiah to Jesus’ coming suffering and death on the cross. The St. John’s Chancel Choir will share Faure’s, “**Requiem**,” this year’s Lenten cantata. Be here for this important day! As we leave church this day, our attention will be turned to Maundy Thursday and the way Palm Sunday cheers turned to jeers as Jesus neared His betrayal and crucifixion. As always, as well, a Palm Sunday worship LiveStream will be available online at [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org). Click on the Sunday Online Video link or go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtqhmin2C7rAR0ofydvAHJQ>

## HOLY WEEK - MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

We will gather in the sanctuary for **Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 pm**. Our liturgy will help us experience Jesus’ last supper with His disciples through traditional readings, hymns, and prayers. We will end with Holy Communion in the Upper Room, as we did last year, celebrating Jesus’ liberation of us from our sins and from what and who oppresses us, followed by the Stripping of the Altar, indicating Jesus being stripped of his authority as he is betrayed into the hands of those who wish to put him to death. An online Livestream worship service will be available, also, at [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org) > Worship Services, or at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtqhmin2C7rAR0ofydvAHJQ>

## HOLY WEEK - GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

**Good Friday worship** will take place in the sanctuary at **6:30 pm**. You can also watch a LiveStream of the service at [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org) > Online Services, or at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtqhmin2C7rAR0ofydvAHJQ>. This year’s service will be a Tenebrae Service of Darkness, including a great deal of music through hymns and special music, as well as a remarkable reading of the Passion through an interactive readers’ theater. In traditional fashion, we will close the service in silence with an invitation to kneel at the communion rail in your own time of personal confession before God.

## **EASTER SUNDAY - THE DAY OF RESURRECTION, APRIL 9**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today! **Easter Sunday festival services will take place at 8:15 and 10:30 am** in the sanctuary. Holy Communion will be served at each service, with spectacular and inspiring special music. Find it online at [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org) and click on "Online Services."

**Easter flower sales** are happening, as well. Scroll/Read up in this toolkit for all the info. This is a Worship Arts Ministry fundraiser, with proceeds directed to the Piano Fund. We hope you will join in. Flowers can be taken home as soon as the last service is ended on Easter Sunday. See information on our website, as well - [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org) - and click on the Easter Flowers button as to how you can order flowers to beautify our Easter worship again this year.

Finally, an **Easter Egg Hunt for children and families** will take place at 11:30 am following the second service. Bring a basket and be ready for some wonderful Spring and Easter fun.

**May God's love be with you, St. John's Johnnies, as we seek the deep hope of finding God's gift of renewal and resurrection this Lent and Easter. May you come to worship in faith, anticipation, and peace.**

**And, may you leave worship and our other times together  
in joy and hope. God be with you!**



# Ash Wednesday



## Gathering

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

*The service begins with Psalm 51 or another penitential psalm, a Kyrie or another litaney, or a hymn. Or, the service begins simply with the greeting.*

## Greeting

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*  
**The Lord be with you.**  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*Response after the prayer: **Amen.***  
*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

### Readings and Psalm

*An assisting minister reads the first and second scripture readings. The psalm for the day follows the first reading. The psalm is Psalm 51, or Psalm 103:8-14 if Psalm 51 is sung at the gathering or during the imposition of ashes.*

*Response after the conclusion of the first and the second readings: **Thanks be to God.***



ASH WEDNESDAY

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*The assembly stands. The following or another appropriate acclamation may be sung.*

Return to the **! LORD**, your God,  
who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in **! steadfast love**.

### **Gospel**

*Response after the announcement:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Response after the conclusion:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

### **Invitation to Lent**

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister may invite the assembly into the discipline of Lent.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The presiding minister leads the following or another confession.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,**  
**and before the whole company of heaven,**  
**that we have sinned by our fault,**  
**by our own fault,**  
**by our own most grievous fault,**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## Imposition of Ashes

*People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.*

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

*During this time, hymns or penitential psalms may be sung, or silence may be kept. Psalm 51 may be sung if it has not been used earlier in the service.*

*After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*A service with communion continues with the prayers of intercession. The prayer, blessing, and dismissal below may be used after the communion.*

**OR**

*A service without communion concludes as follows.*

*Prayers of intercession may be spoken.*

*An offering may be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*"Create in me" (#185–188) may be sung after the offering is gathered.*

*The service ends with the following prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and the sending.*

*The assisting minister leads a concluding prayer.*

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is prayed by 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.

**OR**

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.



## Sending

### Blessing

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Dismissal

*The assisting minister may address the assembly.*

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

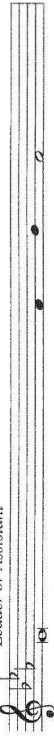


## Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

### 1. SERVICE OF LIGHT Procession

*Leader or Assistant*



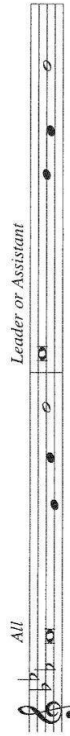
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,



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

*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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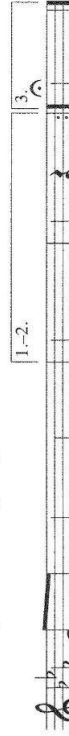
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eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



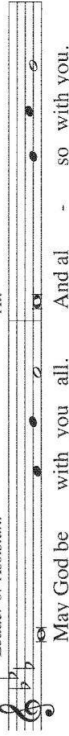
you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new.  
free and make us whole.  
on to end - less day.

### Evening Thanksgiving

*Leader or Assistant*



May God be with you all. And al - so with you.



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.

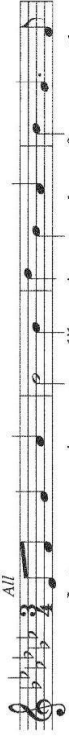


men.

### 2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

Psalm 141

*Refrain*



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

**Refrain**

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**  
Let my prayer rise up like  
love.

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.

*(Alternate psalms are on pages 10–12. The leader will indicate  
if any of these will be used in the service.)*

*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."

*Segue immediately to The Magnificat*

**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 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

God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

*Leader or Assistant*

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:

*Leader or Assistant*

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

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

#### 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*

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

*Leader or Assistant*

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

*All*

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.

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