

**Advent Midweek 2
December 12, 2018
Holden Evening Prayer**

Prelude *Magnificat*

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Versicles

Solo Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world,
All **The light no darkness can overcome.**
Solo Stay with us now, for it is evening,
All **And the day is almost over.**
Solo Let Your light scatter the darkness,
All **And shine within Your people.**

Evening Hymn “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

tune: JOYOUS LIGHT

Choir *Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
You who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to You.
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.*

All **In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear Your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.**

**You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,
Make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect Your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
Loving Spirit of salvation lead us on to endless day.**

Evening Thanksgiving

Solo May God be with you all.
All **And also with you.**
Solo Let us sing our thanks to God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Solo 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. *Amen (sung).*

Psalm 41

Refrain:

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

Choir *O God, I call to you, come to me now;
O hear my voice when I cry to you. Refrain*

*Keep watch within me, God;
Deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright. Refrain*

*All praise to the God of all, Creator of life;
All praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love. Refrain*

Silence for Meditation

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. **Amen**

Reading *Job Replies: My Redeemer Lives*

Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

P The light shines in the darkness.
C **And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Office Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461, sts. 1-5

Sermon "Stories of Waiting: Job"

Job 19:23-27

The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

Solo 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.

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Choir My soul proclaims Your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in You. You have looked with love on Your servant here, and blessed me all my life through. Great and mighty are You, O Holy One, strong is Your kindness evermore. How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart! You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart. You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part. Great and mighty are You, O Faithful One, strong is Your justice, strong Your love, as You promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

All My soul proclaims Your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in You.
You have looked with love on Your servant here,
And blessed me all my life through.

Litany and Prayer

Congregation responds to each petition: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Solo Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

All **Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

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. **Amen.**

God, remember us in Your love, and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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Final Blessing

Solo Let us bless our God.

All **Praise and thanks to You.**

Solo 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** (*sung*).

Closing Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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