Lenten Midweek 2
March 19, 2025
Holden Evening Prayer

Prelude *Hope of the World* Frances Havergal
to follow text, see LSB 690, st. 1-2

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 here.**

Evening Hymn "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" tune: JOYOUS LIGHT

All **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.

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.
All **Amen.**

Psalm 141

Refrain:

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

All **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 *The Flight to Egypt and The Return to Nazareth* Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

[13]When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,