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*Reflection  
Commitment  
Repentance*

**Mid-Week Lenten Service  
2024**

For thousands of years, Christians have gathered for evening worship (*Vespers, Evening Prayer, Evening song*), gathering around the lighting of lamps and candles as the night sets in. Even before that, God's people gathered in their homes to light the Sabbath lights, as our Jewish brothers and sisters do to this day. This Lent as we gather for Evening Prayer, we gather around the Paschal candle - our symbol of the Light of Christ, of the resurrection, and of baptism - as we walk alongside Jesus the way of the cross.

## EVENING PRAYER

*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



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. \_\_\_\_\_

*Leader:* *All:*

May God be with you 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.

## PSALM 141

*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 -

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

you. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

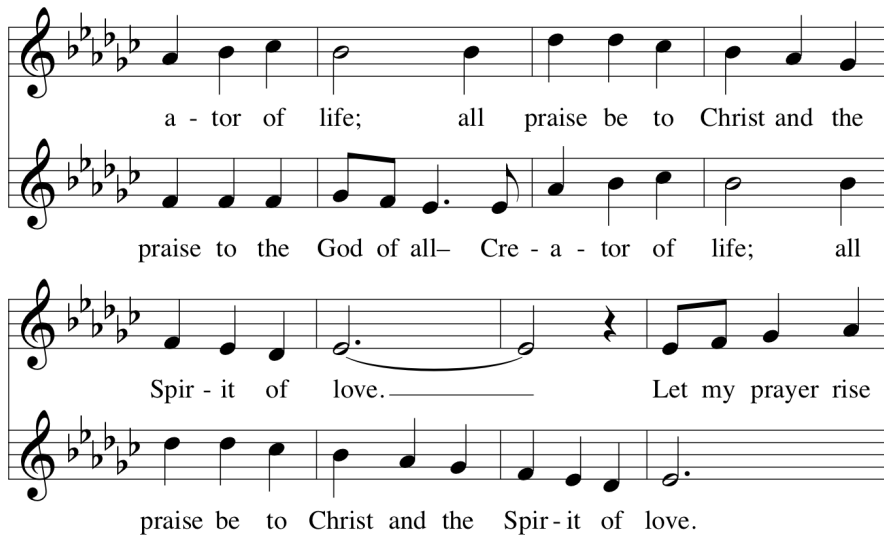
deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. — Let my prayer rise  
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

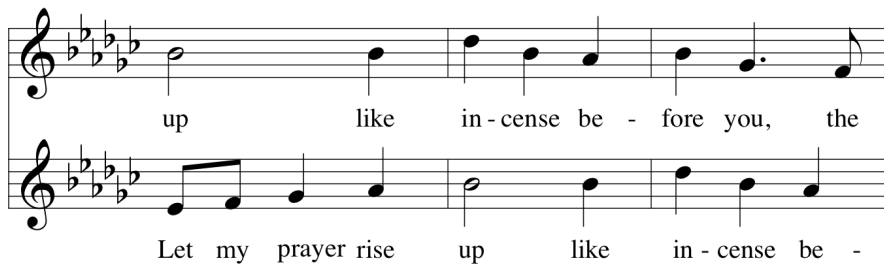
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Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

you. — All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
of - fer - ing to you. All



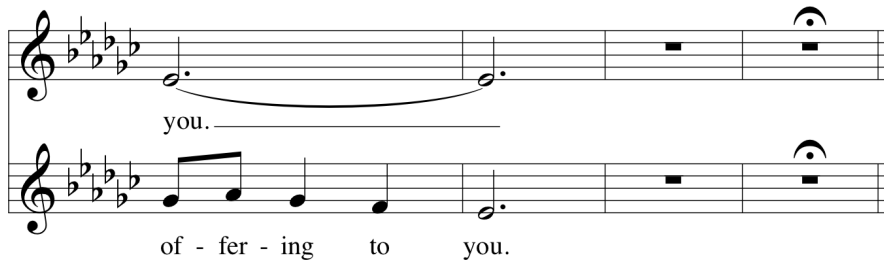
a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
 praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all  
 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise  
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.



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.

## PRAYER

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.**

## THE ANNUNCIATION

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

## THE MAGNIFICAT

LUKE 1: 46-55

*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.



## HOMILY

*Time for reflection follows the homily.*

[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 - va - tion, 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.

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:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, ho - ly be your name.

Your King - dom come. Your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics 'Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The system ends with a fermata over the final chord.

as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us.'. The musical notation includes a fermata at the end of the system.

Keep us from temp-ta - tion, and de-liv-er us from e - vil.

*\*Optional* (◡)

The third system includes an optional section. The lyrics are 'Keep us from temp-ta - tion, and de-liv-er us from e - vil.'. The optional part is marked with an asterisk and the word '\*Optional'. The system concludes with a fermata and a smiley face symbol (◡).

For the King - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'For the King - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,'. The system ends with a fermata.

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The fifth and final system of the hymn. The lyrics are 'now and for - ev - er. A - men.'. The system concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

*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.

**WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT**

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:20 a.m.	Faith Formation/Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesdays	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Dinners
	7:00 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer







## Repentance and Repair – Making Amends in an Unapologetic World Wednesdays in Lent, 2024

We all cause harm. We have all been harmed. We are all bystanders to harm. Repentance, repair, amends, accountability – these are not words or ideas we tend to center in our conversations about harm. We talk much more naturally about guilt and punishments, about “cancelling,” or apologies, or forgiveness. But the language scripture gives us about harm isn’t “saying sorry” or even “feeling sorry” but repentance.

God’s invitation to repentance is good news – it suggests that we are, in fact, NOT hopeless. That the world is NOT beyond repair. Once and for all, in Jesus’ death and resurrection, God has announced that Restoration gets the last word on us and our world. And the call to repentance means that God’s restoration can and will come in our lives, that we are called and equipped to be one of the ways God’s restoration comes to our neighbors and our world. The call to repentance is the good news that with God there IS a way forward, even in the midst of this world where we do harm, and are harmed, and witness so much harm.

So this Lent we will spend time considering how to repent. To see what repair can come when we are confident enough in God’s love to look squarely at ourselves and our world, to see what new life arises when we boldly trust ourselves to God’s transforming love.

We’ll take as our guide Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg’s book, *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World*.

