



LENTEN WEDNESDAYS 2021

(February 24 through March 24)

7:30pm HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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- Two Worship Options:**
1. In-Person at 7:30pm; pre-register on the SignUPGenius Link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F49AAA622A31-seating>
 2. Streaming live on Facebook

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: **Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

SERVICE OF LIGHT (sung: choir & congregation)

Choir:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

Congregation:

the light no darkness can over-come

Choir:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

Congregation:

and the day is al-most over.

Choir:

Let your light scatter the darkness,

Congregation:

and shine within your peo-ple here

EVENING HYMN (sung: choir & congregation)

Joyous light of heav'n-ly 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 a-new.

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 end-less day.

EVENING THANKSGIVING (sung: choir & congregation)

Choir:

May God be with you all.

Congregation:

And also with you.

Choir:

Let us sing our thanks to God.

Congregation:

It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

PRAYER (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.*

Prayer Response (sung: choir & congregation)

Choir and Congregation:

Ah.....A-men!

PSALM 141 (sung: choir & congregation)

Refrain:

Let my prayer rise up
Like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands
As an offering to you.

1: O God, I call to you
Come to me now:
O hear my voice
When I cry to you_____

Refrain:

Let my prayer rise up
Like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands
As an offering to you.....

2: Keep watch with- in me, God:
Deep in my heart
May the light of Your love
Be burn – ing bright!_____

Refrain:

Let my prayer rise up
Like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands
As an offering to you.....

3: All praise to the God of all,
Cre-a-tor of life.
All praise be to Christ
And the Spir-it of love._____

Refrain:

Let my prayer rise up
Like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands
As an offering to you.....

PRAYER (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. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE: "Community in Christ: Belonging, Believing, Becoming"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "How Firm a Foundation"

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Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Music: Early American

Verse #1

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Verse #2

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

THE MAGNIFICAT (sung: choir & congregation)

My soul proclaims
Your greatness, O God,
And my spir-it rejoices in You.
You have looked with love
On your ser-vant here,
And blessed me
All my life through.

Great and might-y
Are You, O Holy One,
Strong is your kindness evermore.
How You fav-or
The weak and lowly one,
Hum-bling the proud of heart!

You have cast the might-y
Down from their thrones,
And uplifted the humble of heart.
You have filled the hun-gry
With won-drous things,
And left the wealthy no part.

Verse #3

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

Verse #4

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Great and mighty are you,
O Faithful One.
Strong is your justice,
Strong your love.
As You promised to
Sarah and Abraham,
Kind-ness for ev-er-more.

My soul proclaims
Your greatness, O God,
And my spir-it rejoices in you.
You have looked with love
On your ser-vant here,
And blessed me
All my life through.

THE LITANY AND PRAYERS (sung: choir & congregation)

Choir and Congregation

God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.
God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.

Choir:

In peace, in peace
We pray.... to you.

Choir and Congregation:

God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.
God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.

Choir:

For peace and salvation
We pray...to you.

Choir and Congregation:

God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.
God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.

CLOSING PRAYER (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. Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: *God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:*

C: 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.

Choir:

For all of your ser-vants
Who live out your Gospel;

Choir and Congregation:

God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.
God of mer-cy,
Hold us in love.

Choir:

Help us, comfort us, all of our days

Choir and Congregation:

Keep us hold us, gracious God.

FINAL BLESSING (sung: choir & congregation)

Choir:

Let us bless our God

Choir and Congregation:

Praise and thanks to you.....

May God, Creator,

Bless us and keep us,

May Christ be ever

Light for our lives,

May the Spir-it of love

Be our guide and path

For all of our days.....

Ah.....A-men...