



“Direction for the Lost”

**Lent Three: Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:30 pm**

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER ~ Marty Haugen



Welcome and Announcements

Service of Light — Procession *(Sung)*

L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All: the light no darkness can overcome;

L: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All: and the day is almost over.

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

All: and shine within your people here.

Service of Light — Evening Hymn *(Sung)*

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

Service of Light — Evening Thanksgiving *(Sung)*

L: May God be with you all,

All: and also with you;

L: Let us sing our thanks to God,

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: 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.

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles — Psalm 141 (*Sung*)

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

Group 1:

○ God, I call to you, come to me now;
○ hear my voice when I cry to you.

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

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

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

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

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

Group 2 (begins a phrase behind Group 1):

○ God, I call to you, come to me now;
○ hear my voice when I cry to you.

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

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

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
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All praise to the God of all – Creator of life;
All praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

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

(*Spoken*)

L: May our prayers come before you, ○ 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.

The Readings:

Psalm 23:3

“He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name sake.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.”

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his

finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Meditation

Pastor Karna Moskalik

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L: The Light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

Litany and Prayers (*Hum while Leader prays, then respond.*)

All: Hmmm. God of mercy, hold us in love.

Repeat until Leader sings:

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

All: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

(Spoken)

L: 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.

Words of Institution

L: 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.

Communion Distribution

Final Blessing *(Sung)*

L: Let us bless our God:

All: praise and thanks to you.

L: 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.

(Spoken)

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Karna Moskalik

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