

Holden Evening Prayer - Order of Service

1) Service of Light

Jesus Christ you are the light of the world.

The light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, now for it is evening.

And the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness.

and shine within your people here.

2) Evening Hymn

Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face.

You who sing creations story, shine on every 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

You who made the heaven's splendor, every 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.

3) Evening Thanksgiving

May God be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us sing our thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, creator of the universe, from old you have led you people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for you Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation **A——men.**

4) Psalm 141 - Let My Prayer Rise Up

Refrain

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

**O God, I call to you, come to me now;
oh, 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 are prayers come before you, O God as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with creation, we might sing your praise and love in our lives... **Amen**

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

5) The Annunciation

An angel went from God, to a town called Nazareth to a woman who's name was Mary. The angels 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 go my God, I live to do your will.

6) The Magnificat

**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 forever more.**

**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.**

7) Litany and Prayers

Hmmmmmm..... God of mercy hold us in love.

In peace, in peace, we pray to you.... Refrain
For peace and salvation, we pray to you... Refrain
For peace between nations, for peace between peoples... Refrain
For us who are gathered to worship and praise you... Refrain
For all of your servant who live out your gospel... Refrain
For all those who govern that justice might guide them... Refrain
For all who are lonely and worried or frightened..... Refrain
For all those whose livelihoods feel so uncertain..... Refrain
For medical research and doctors and nurses..... Refrain
For teachers and parents, for children and elders..... Refrain
Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger... Refrain
For all the beloved who rest in mercy ... Refrain
Help us comfort us all of our days.... **Keep us hold us, gracious God.**

Closing Prayers

Great and merciful God., source and ground of all goodness and life, give 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 Father in heaven,
Hallowed be you name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

8)Blessing

Let us bless our God,
Praise and thanks to you.

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....

A—men.