to the people of the Winter Community at Holden, 1985-1986

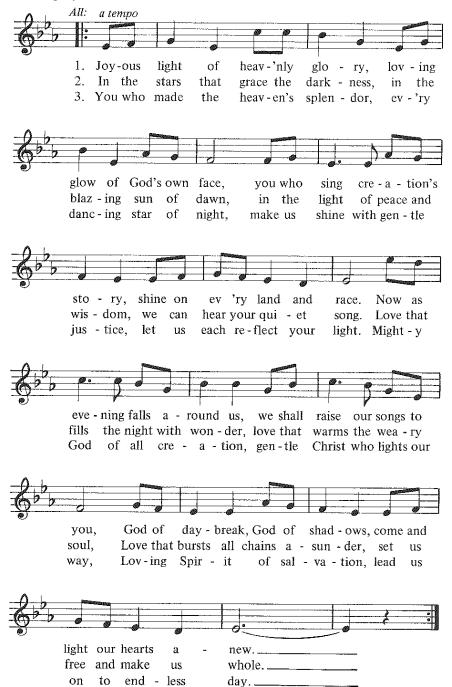
Holden Evening Prayer

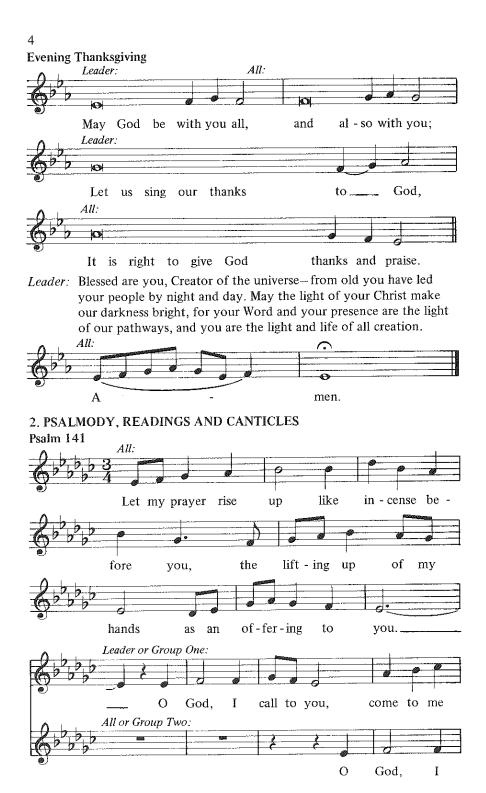
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Evening Hymn











(Silence for meditation)

- 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.
- All: Amen.

(Additional psalms and canticles may be sung or said. Silence for meditation follows each psalm or canticle. A psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.)

One or two lessons are read

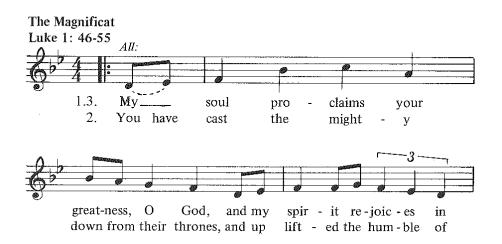
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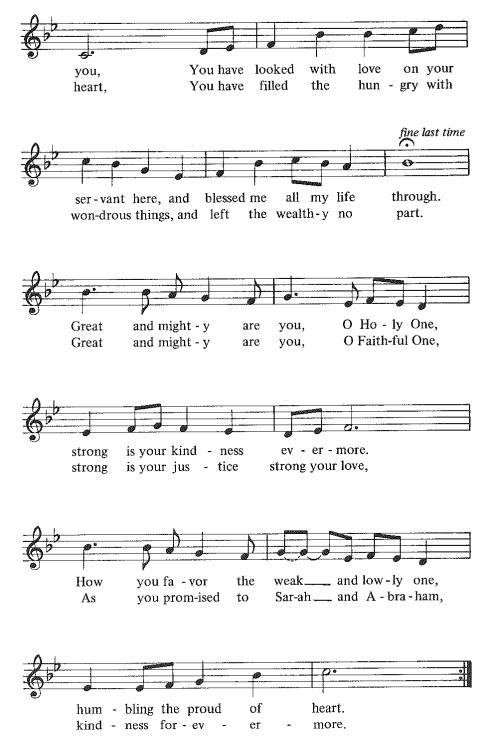
- Leader: The Light shines in the darkness
- All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation

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

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel 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 of my God, I live to do your will." (immediately to "The Magnificat")





Prayers

Living God, we seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Hear now our prayers as we fall on your mercy and grace....

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

A time of silence for reflection and further prayer.

God of compassion, whose Son became poor for our sake: Help us to see the face of Christ in those who are poor, and in serving them to serve you. Give us generous hearts so that those living in poverty may have adequate food, clothing, and shelter. By your Spirit move us to affirm the dignity of all people and especially the most vulnerable in society.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

A time of silence for reflection and further prayer.

Triune God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of husbands and wives to one another, that they may mirror your covenant faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love. Empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others. In this time of isolation, fill our lives with you. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

A time of silence for reflection and further prayer.

Merciful God, your healing power is everywhere about us. Strengthen those who work among the sick; give them courage and confidence in all they do. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. May they be thankful for every sign of health you give, and humble before the mystery of your healing grace. In the midst of this pandemic, bring healing, help, strength, and the comfort that comes only from you.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

A time of silence for reflection and further prayer.

O God of Mercy and Love, we pray for particular needs from those in our family of faith. We pray for....

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

A time of silence for reflection and further prayer. Individuals at home may offer prayers for other particular concerns silently or out loud.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then lead us to act always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

A time of silence for reflection and further prayer.

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 Godspl 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 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.



All may depart in silence, or the leader may say "Go in peace", or the leader may invite all to share a sign of peace.