A Service of Light (Holden Evening Prayer)
for

THE SENT: God's Church Deployed
a shared ministry of:
All Saints', St Augustine of Canterbury, &
St James' (Roseland) Anglican Churches, Windsor
and
Christ Church (Anglican), Colchester
St Andrews' Anglican Church, Harrow

Lent 2021

Opening Responsory (*All sing*)

One Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,
All **the light no darkness can overcome.**
One Stay with us now, for it is evening,
All **and the day is almost over.**
One Let your light scatter the darkness,
All **and shine within your people here.**

Evening Hymn (*All sing*)

1. **Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face,**
you who sing creation's 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 anew.

2. **In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,**
of 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, every dancing star of night,**
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect our light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Evening Thanksgiving (*All sing*)

One May God be with you all,
All **and also with you**
One Let us sing our thanks to God,
All **it is right to give God thanks and praise.**
One 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 (*All sing refrain*)

Refrain **Let my prayer rise up as 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;
   hear my voice when I cry to you. *Refrain*
2. Keep watch within me, God;
   deep in my heart may the light
   of your love be burning bright. *Refrain*
3. All praise to the God of all,
   Creator of life; all praise to the Christ
   and the Spirit of love. *Refrain*

Silence for meditation

One 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

First Lesson (*see insert*)

Silence for meditation

One The Light shines in the darkness …

All …and the darkness has not overcome it.

Psalm (*see insert*)

Second Lesson (*see insert*)

Silence for meditation

One The Light shines in the darkness …

All …and the darkness has not overcome it.

Canticle *The Annunciation*

One And 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 a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

Canticle *The Magnificat* (*All sing*)

1. **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 might are you, O Holy One,
   strong is your kindness evermore.
   How you favor the weak and lowly one,
   humbling the proud of heart.
2. **You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,**
   and uplifted the humble of heart,
   you have filled the hungry with wonderous 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 forevermore.
3. **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.

Litany and Prayers (*All sing*)

One In peace, in peace we pray to you:

All God of mercy, hold us in love.

One For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

All God of mercy, hold us in love.

One For peace between nations, peace between peoples:

All God of mercy, hold us in love.

One For we who are gathered to worship and praise you:

All God of mercy, hold us in love.

One For all of your servants who live out your gospel:

All **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

One For all those who govern that justice might guide them:

All **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

One For all those who labor in service to others:

All **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

One Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:

All **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

One Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us form danger:

All **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

One For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:

All **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

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

All **Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Closing Prayers

One 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 you Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Ash Wednesday Collect & Weekly Collect

One 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.**

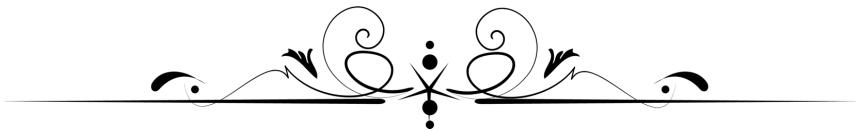
Final Blessing (*All sing*)

One Let us bless our God:

All **praise and thanks to you.**

One 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.**



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Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this time.

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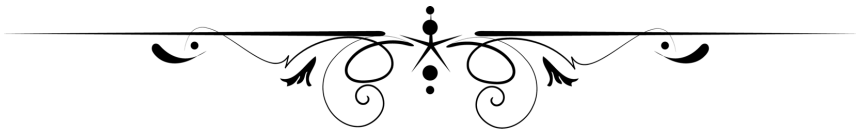

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