

## OPENING

### PRELUDE

### OPENING DIALOGUE

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

**C: the light no darkness can overcome;**

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

**C: and the day is almost over.**

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

**C: and shine within your people here.**

### EVENING HYMN

### *Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory*

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| <p>1. Joyous light of heav'nly glory,<br/>Loving glow of God's own face,<br/>You who sing creation's story,<br/>Shine on ev'ry land and race.<br/>Now as evening falls around us,<br/>We shall raise our songs to you.<br/>God of daybreak, God of shadows,<br/>Come and light our hearts anew.</p> <p>2. In the stars that grace the darkness,<br/>In the blazing sun of dawn,<br/>In the light of peace and wisdom,<br/>We can hear your quiet song.<br/>Love that fills the night with wonder,</p> | <p>Love that warms the weary soul,<br/>Love that bursts all chains asunder,<br/>Set us free and make us whole.</p> <p>3. You who made the heaven's splendor,<br/>Ev'ry dancing star of night,<br/>Make us shine with gentle justice<br/>Let us each reflect your light.<br/>Mighty God of all creation,<br/>Gentle Christ who lights our way,<br/>Loving Spirit of salvation,<br/>Lead us on to endless day.</p> |
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### EVENING THANKSGIVING

L: May God be with you all,

**C: and also with you;**

L: Let us sing our thanks to God,

**C: 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 of all creation.

**C: Amen.**

## PSALMODY

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### Psalm 141

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

### READING

**Matthew 22:23-33**

**The holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>24</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Finally, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup> At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’<sup>[a]</sup>? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

<sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### REFLECTION

**Paul Horvath**

### OFFERING

*Beautiful City*

**Andrew Mercil**

### THE ANNUNCIATION

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

L: The Light shines in the darkness

**C: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L: 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.”

**THE MAGNIFICAT**

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 mighty 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.

Based on Luke 1:46-55

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 forevermore.

3. My soul proclaims your goodness, O God,  
and my Spirit rejoices in you.  
You have looked with love on your servant here,  
And blessed me all my life through.

**PRAYERS****LITANY AND PRAYERS**

L:...

**C: God of mercy, hold us in love.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: 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**

L: Let us bless our God:

**C: 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. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**