

## Evening Prayer of Community, Service and Diakonia

(Silence for Reflection as we prepare for worship)

### Gathering

L: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, One God in three persons, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. **(All make the sign of the cross)**

**C: Amen**

L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**C: The light no darkness can overcome.**

L: Stay with us Christ our light and our redeemer.

**C: My soul waits for the Light all the night long. My soul waits more than those who watch for the morning.**

### Expression of Faith

**All: God our provider, you have always given bread for the coming day; and though I am poor, today I believe.**

**God our supporter, you have always given strength for the coming day; and though I am weak, today I believe.**

**God our calm presence, you have always given peace for the coming day; and though I am of anxious heart, today I believe.**

**God our protector, you have always kept me safe in trials; and now, tried as I am, today I believe.**

**God our guide, you have always marked the road for the coming day; and though it may be hidden, today I believe.**

**God our bright vision, you have always lightened this darkness of mind; and though the night is here, today I believe.**

**God our Word, you have always spoken when time is ripe; and though you are silent now, today I believe.**

### Meditation

“Undan Hulu” – “From Behind Shadows” – composed by Ólafur Arnalds  
Katelyn McClinton, violin and Megan McClinton, piano

**Reading: Micah 6:6-8**

L: With what shall I come before the sovereign,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will God be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what is required of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Reading: Matthew 25: 34b-36, 40b**

L: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

**Canticle**

**All: In the shadow of your wings I will sing your praises, O God.**

**Christ Jesus is my light, my salvation; whom shall I fear? Christ Jesus is the refuge of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**In the shadow of your wings I will sing your praises, O God.**

**One thing I ask of you O God, one thing I seek; to dwell in the presence of my God, to gaze on your holy place.**

**In the shadow of your wings I will sing your praises, O God.**

**I believe I shall see the goodness of Christ Jesus in the land of the living. O wait for the coming Christ! Have courage and wait, wait for the light of Christ.**

**In the shadow of your wings I will sing your praises, O God.**

**Celebration of Call to Service**

"Dancing on the Berlin Wall" composed by David Lanz  
Megan McClinton, piano

## **Prayers**

L: God of the hungry, our self-pity can sideline us thus squelching our hunger for you and being in service to others. Guide and direct us as we follow our call to serve others. Help us to be aware of the needs of others and give us the will to do as you ask. Hear our prayer, O God.

**C: Listen to our call for your mercy.**

L: God of the thirsty, busyness and distractions blind us from seeing you, leaving us parched and thirsty. Lead us to thirst for you, to worship you, to be always aware of your presence in our daily lives. Help us to recognize you in the good and the bad and to turn our hearts and minds in worship of you, not just on Sunday mornings, but every day of our lives. Hear our prayer, O God.

**C: Listen to our call for your mercy.**

L: God of the stranger, our lives are structured in such a way that we are often kept in isolation from others, making it difficult to have relationships and keep them alive. Jesus calls us to reflect the same posture of hospitality which he embodied. Give us the focus to share our lives with others and to seek to welcome all to the table of your grace. Hear our prayer, O God.

**C: Listen to our call for your mercy.**

L: God of the naked, it can be very hard to admit when we are wrong or have made mistakes, yet in order to change or be transformed it is necessary. Give us the things that we need in times of vulnerability, to face our fears and admit when we have made mistakes so that we might make things right again. Hear our prayer, O God.

**C: Listen to our call for your mercy.**

L: God healer of the sick, physical, mental, emotional and other illnesses pervade throughout our world. Help us to care for others in their illnesses and bring your love and light to all who suffer. Hear our prayer, O God.

**C: Listen to our call for your mercy.**

L: God of the prisoners, we all have things that we are addicted to – things that control our behavior, thoughts, and impulses. Give us the strength to overcome the things that control our lives which lead us away from caring for others. Give us the will to show your light to others who are imprisoned physically or in their own minds and thoughts. Hear our prayer, O God.

**C: Listen to our call for your mercy.**

L: Gracious God, we thank you for letting us work with you to share your joy with the world. Help us not take for granted the gift it is to share your gospel to the nations, and to our neighbors. Help us have eyes to see the needs around us and to respond to those needs in joy and hope. Thank you so much almighty God for your love and care over us. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing:**

L: The Sacred Three be blessing thee, thy table and its store.  
The Sacred Three be blessing all thy loved ones ever more.

**C: Amen**