

Vespers '22—Service of Darkness and Light

Epiphany Season 1/8/22 Holden Village

Liturgy adaptation by Pastor Erik Samuelson

Welcome

Acknowledgment and lament for harm caused by Christian use of light and dark images

Procession

Jesus Christ, you hold close us when its dark,
and when we feel lost and alone.

Stay with us now, for it is evening,
and the days are so much shorter.

Let the night shape and transform us,
and give strength to all who live in fear

Evening Hymn

God for you the light and darkness
are two ways you show your face.

You who made both sun and shadow,
love the entire human race.

Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.

God of sunset, God of shadows,
in the dark our hearts renew.

In the wonder of the darkness,
as we wait tomorrow's dawn,
grant us space for peace and wisdom
let us 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.

You who made the heavens' vastness,
and the clouds of starless nights,
make us feel the great injustice
of equating good with light.

Mighty God who in the darkness,
can our broken souls transform,
bless these shadows deep within in us,
for in Christ we are reborn.

Evening Thanksgiving

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Silence for Meditation

Readings

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

All: Thanks be to God!

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