

Wednesday Evening Lenten Service
March 15, 2023

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
Liturgist: Lynn Holland

**Indicates when you should stand, if you are able.*

Prelude

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn # 351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*Service of Light and Thanksgiving

Pages 2-4 (Holden Booklet)

*Psalmody

Pages 4-8

Hymn # 656

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Sermon

Series: "The Living Church"

Part 4 - "Fellowship: The Implications Of Koinonia"

(text: Genesis 2:18, Psalm 133:1-3, Romans 1:8-12 & John 13:34-35)

Pastor William Shields

*Confession of Faith

P: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

C: **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from the power of the devil. And he so preserves me that, without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, from now on, to live unto him. Amen.**

Offering

*The Annunciation and Magnificat

Pages 8-9 (Holden Booklet)

*Litany and Prayers

Pages 10-11

*Lord's Prayer

Page 11

*Final Blessing

Page 12

*Closing Hymn # 570

"Now The Day Is Over"

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Lenten Prayer

Father in Heaven, You have called us to be your Church in the world. Strengthen our faith, so that our witness will be strong. Give us hearts that love and hands that serve. And in all that we do, help us to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Sermon texts:

Genesis 2:18 ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Psalm 133:1-3 ¹³³ Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Romans 1:8-12 ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

John 13:34-35 ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."