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AN ORDER FOR WORSHIP FOR EVENING: SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Let us observe a moment of silence as we enter this sacred time and place.

Our service this evening begins on p. 109 of the Book of Common Prayer and can be found in the printed or online bulletin.

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

He took me away in the Spirit to an enormous, high mountain and showed me Holy Jerusalem descending out of Heaven from God, resplendent in the bright glory of God. But there was no sign of a temple, for the Lord God – the Sovereign-Strong – and the Lamb are the Temple. The City doesn't need sun or moon for light! God's glory is its light, the Lamb its lamp! The nations will walk in its light and the rulers of the earth will bring their splendor into it. *Revelations 21:10, 22-24*

Opening Song

Arise, Shine

Ruth Cunningham

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
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PRAYER FOR LIGHT

BCP 111

Officiant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

BCP 112

O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the everlasting Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light,
We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life,
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

SELECTION FROM THE PSALTER

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PSALM 119:1-24

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who live with spiritual integrity!
Blessed are those who honour the Inner Being, who follow You with their whole heart.

Who enfold the world with love and walk on peaceful paths!
You have shown us the way of Truth, the way that leads to freedom.

O, that I might ever reflect the Light!
Then I shall know inner peace, as I surrender myself into your Hands.

I will praise You with a grateful heart, as I lean on your great kindness.
As I forsake the path of darkness, O have mercy on me!

How can the young keep to the straight path?
Only by learning to listen to the still Voice within.

With all my heart I seek You; let me not wander from your teachings!
Your Love is imprinted upon my heart, that I may walk in your Light.

Blessed are You, O Counselor; guide me in all that I do,
That with my lips I may bear witness to the truth of your Way.

With your Word in my heart, I delight more than with the world's riches.
I listen in the Silence, awaiting the clarity of your counsel.
May I become a living foundation of joy as I give thanks for your bountiful blessings!

I offer myself into your Hands, that I may live fully into your Life.
Open my heart's eyes that I may see the wondrous blessings of Creation.

I am a sojourner on earth; yet I know myself as a spiritual Being!
My soul is consumed with an intense longing to be blessed and sustained by You,
O Divine Lover!

May I not be a bearer of disharmony, one who is arrogant and greedy;
Teach me to stand firm when faced with injustice and oppression,
to be fervent in my stance for truth!

Even though fears rise up, may my eyes remain focused on You.
For in Love Consciousness do I delight; O my Counselor and Friend!

***All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1 Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see; and
 2 All may of thee par - take; noth - ing can be so mean, which
 3 A ser - vant with this clause makes drudg - er - y di - vine: who
 4 This is the fa - mous stone that turn - eth all to gold; for
 what I do in an - y - thing, to do it as for thee.
 with this tinc - ture, "for thy sake," will not grow bright and clean.
 sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and the ac - tion fine.
 that which God doth touch and own can - not for less be told.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:12-17

I remind you, my dear children: Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. You veterans were in on the ground floor, and know the One who started all this; you newcomers have won a big victory over the Evil One.

And a second reminder, dear children: You know the Father from personal experience. You veterans know the One who started it all; and you newcomers — such vitality and strength! God's word is so steady in you. Your fellowship with God enables you to gain a victory over the Evil One.

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world – wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important – has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out – but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Song 602

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

CHEREPONI

Chorus
 Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.
 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were
Repeat Chorus
 feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

I'm praying not only for them but also for those who will believe in me because of them and their witness about me. The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind – just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so they might be one in heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are – I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.

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CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Let us quietly reflect as the Divine Spirit leads.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGE A

Show us your mercies, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation and all nations under your care;

And guide all of us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY for SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

BCP 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

John O'Donohue

As the fever of the day calms towards twilight

May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today,

May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,

May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war,

Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our gear of each other
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.
That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lay down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares.

And no hurt or harm be done
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

Closing Song

Be Not Afraid

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F D Gm C F Bb C F

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!
Ne-boj - te se, ra-duj - te se! Kris - tus slav-ný ví-těz z hro-bu vstal.

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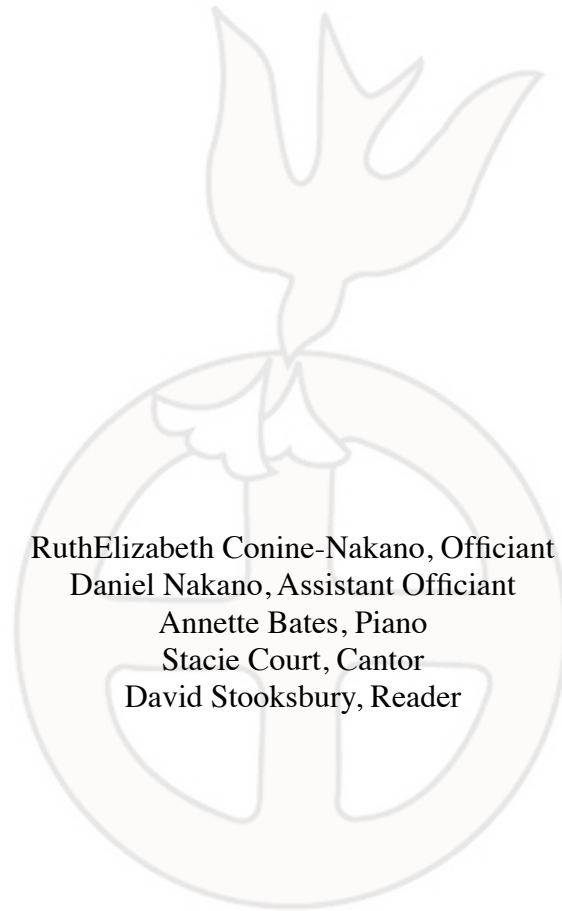
BLESSING

Glory to God in the church!
Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!
Glory down all the generations!
Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes! *Ephesians 3:21*

People: **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

About Taizé...

Taizé (pronounced "teh-ZAY") is not a musical form but rather a worship style made popular through the work of the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France. The retreat center there (founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz) is visited every year by thousands of visitors, and services are held in many languages. The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage, with a primary focus on youth. The music of Taizé emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture repeated and sometimes sung in canon. Ecumenical services based on this model and music are held in many churches throughout the world.



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