

Taizé Prayer



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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING : Proper 15 of Ordinary Time

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

Our service this evening begins on p. 115 of the Book of Common Prayer and can also be found in the online bulletin.

Officiant: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night,
I have set the Lord always before me;
because the Almighty is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16: 7, 8*

Gathering Acclamation

Let us praise your name

*A - do - re - mus te Je - su Chri - ste, al - le -
Let us praise your name, God our Sa - vior, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 116

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **AMEN.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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. Alleluia.**

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving 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.

Acclamation

Oculi Nostri

♩ = 92

Em D G D Em C Am B

O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.—

Em D G D Em C Am⁶ B Em

o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

PSALM 128

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round your table.
- 4 The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

**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 Tone #10

Ps. 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab and 7a, 7b-8 / 89

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice!
 2. If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
 3. I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word.
 4. For with the LORD there is mercy, in him is plenti - ful re - demption.

1. O let your ears be at - tentive to the sound of my pleadings.
 2. But with you is found for - giveness, that you may be re - vered.
 3. My soul hopes in the Lord daybreak. } Let Israel hope for the LORD.
 4. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its in - iquities.

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FIRST READING

Acts 23:23-35

Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, ‘Get ready to leave by nine o’clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take him safely to Felix the governor.’ He wrote a letter to this effect:

‘Claudius Lysias to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them, but when I had learned that he was a Roman citizen, I came with the guard and rescued him. Since I wanted to know the charge for which they accused him, I had him brought to their council. I found that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but was charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. When I was informed that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.’

So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him during the night to Antipatris. The next day they let the horsemen go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. On reading the letter, he asked what province he belonged to, and when he learned that he was from Cilicia, he said, ‘I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.’ Then he ordered that he be kept under guard in Herod’s headquarters.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

With You, O Lord

(Psalm 36:10)

$\text{♩} = 72$ A E/G# F#m D A/E E

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

A/C# A D Bm7 F#m E A E/G# F#m

in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is

D A/E E Bm7 C#m A/C# D Bm E A

life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

SECOND READING

Mark 12:13-27

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

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Thanks be to God.

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

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

BCP 824

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Clarke & Oconee County Schools, Athens Montessori, Athens Academy and the University System of GA, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 134

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's efforts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

gracefully

God to en - fold you, Christ to up - hold you,

Spi - rit to keep you in hea - ven's sight;

so may God grace you, heal and em - brace you,

lead you through dark - ness in - to the light.

THE SONG OF SIMEON

BCP 120

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

FINAL BLESSING

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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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