Taizé



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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING / EVENING PRAYER

Our service this evening begins on page 109 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

Opening Song We Will Meet **Iona Community** (vs. 1 & 2) We will meet; when the dan - ger join to give thanks and sing make with each o - ther a We will So let's we will meet when the sad days are we will meet sit-ting close - ly o - ver, done; and the peace that we pass to each we will share what we missed and find we will join to break bread and share wine,; glad - ly, that when all we've come through is be- hind, prom ise v4geth - er glad come and be our to -mor-row has o - ther will be more than a cas - u - al mean-ing in the things that once troubl-ed our mind. - Un-til then may-we al-ways dis cov - er faith and love to -de-ter-mine our That's our hope and God's will and our calling for our lives and for ev'-ry new day.

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 110

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. **Amen**.



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Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life. 3.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT BCP 112

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.

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.

- 145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.
- 146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.
- 147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.
- 148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.
- Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.
- 150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.
- 151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.
- 152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.
- 153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.
- 155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, * for they do not study your statutes.
- 156 Great is your compassion, O LORD; * preserve my life, according to your judgments.
- 157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from your decrees.
- 158 I look with loathing at the faithless, * for they have not kept your word.
- 159 See how I love your commandments! * O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.
- 160 The heart of your word is truth; * all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.
- 161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.
- 162 I am as glad because of your promise * as one who finds great spoils.
- 163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.
- 164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.
- 165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.
- 166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, * and have fulfilled your commandments.
- 167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.
- 168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.
- 169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD; * give me understanding, according to your word.
- 170 Let my supplication come before you; * deliver me, according to your promise.
- 171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, * when you teach me your statutes.
- 172 My tongue shall sing of your promise, * for all your commandments are righteous.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, * for I have chosen your commandments.
- 174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, * and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live, and I will praise you, * and let your judgments help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; * search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

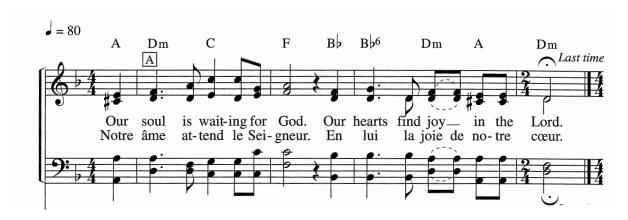
All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE GOSPEL read by David Stooksbury 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Invitation by Officiant to quietly reflect on what the Divine Spirit is saying to each of us at this moment.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,*

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

BCP 119

BCP 837

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY SELECTED COLLECTS

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen**.

Song We Will Meet Iona Community



BLESSING BCP 114

The Lord bless us and keep us. Amen.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. Amen.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. **Amen**.

People: 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.

