

Taizé



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TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER

Our service this evening begins on page 115 of the Book of Common Prayer.

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 he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

OPENING SONG

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a tempo of 116. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a piano accompaniment in the bass clef and a vocal line in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peo - ples!". The second system continues the piano accompaniment and has two vocal lines. The first vocal line has lyrics: "gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The second vocal line has lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia!".

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

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

Together: **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. Alleluia.**

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.

Read responsively by whole verse

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.
 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.
 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.
 100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.
 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.
 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.
 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.
 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.
 106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.
 107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.
 109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.
 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.
 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.
 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.
 113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.
 114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.
 115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.
 116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.
 117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.
 118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.
 119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.
 120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Together: **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. Alleluia.**

Song

I am Spirit's Beloved

Holly Phares

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All



I am Spi - rit's Be - lov - ed _____ with whom God is well pleased.



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FIRST READING

read by David Stooksbury

Acts 3:12-26

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. Moses said, ‘‘The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out from the people.’’ And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, ‘‘And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’’ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.’

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
 call upon him when he draws near.
 Let the wicked forsake their ways *
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
 so are my ways higher than your ways,
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
 and return not again, but water the earth,
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
 it will not return to me empty;
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.
 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

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

*The Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.**

Song

Behold the Lamb of God

John L. Bell

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

slowly

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.

takes a - way the sin of the world.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

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

THE APOSTLES CREED

BCP 120

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

BCP 121

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.

SUFFRAGES B

BCP 122

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SELECTED COLLECTS

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 124

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

quietly ♩ = 80

Now that eve - ning falls, — gen - tly fades the light. —

Moon re - pla - ces sun and day takes leave of night.

2. Gratitude we raise
for the day that's gone
and for love that stays
till dusk is kissed by dawn.
3. To the Maker's care
we in faith commend
all we love and long for,
all we still intend.
4. Glory be to God,
glory to the Son,
glory to the Spirit,
ever three in one.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 125

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 126

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING

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

Officiant:

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

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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