

Taizé



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AN ADVENT ORDER FOR TAIZÉ EVENING WORSHIP

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

Our service this evening is from the New Zealand Prayer Book and can be found in the online bulletin.

Officiant: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall it it together. *Isaiah 40.5*

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

People **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour,
power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. AMEN.**

Gathering Acclamation

Wait for the Lord

The musical score is for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Lento' with a quarter note equal to 48 beats. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers the first four measures, with lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second system covers the next four measures, with lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The score includes vocal lines for soprano and alto, and piano accompaniment for the right and left hands. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal lines: Em, C, Am6, B in the first system, and Em, D, G, Am, B, Em in the second system. Dynamics include piano (p) and mezzo-forte (mf).

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

Officiant Let us in silence remember our need for God's forgiveness.

People **God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. AMEN.**

Officiant Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins,
strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keeps us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

Response

Arise, Shine

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

The musical score is written in 8/8 time and consists of four staves. The first and third staves are vocal lines with lyrics underneath. The second and fourth staves are piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A".

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.**

PSALM 98

Sing to God

Michel Guimont

All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.

G C Am11 D C Am7 FADD9 G

The musical score is in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system is a vocal line with lyrics: "All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God." The second system is a piano accompaniment with chords: G, C, Am11, D, C, Am7, FADD9, G.

FIRST READING

“Surge, illuminare”

The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
 and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
 For behold, darkness covers the land; *
 deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
 But over you the Lord will rise, *
 and his glory will appear upon you.
 Nations will stream to your light, *
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
 Your gates will always be open; *
 by day or night they will never be shut.
 They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
 The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
 Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
 ruin or destruction within your borders.
 You will call your walls, Salvation, *
 and all your portals, Praise.
 The sun will no more be your light by day; *
 by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
 The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
 and your God will be your glory.

**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**

Response Hymn 60

Creator of the stars of night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

SECOND READING

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.

**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.**

Response

Song for Love

AR HYD Y NOS

Now we sing to praise love's bless - ing all through our
 laugh - ter, joy, sur - prise con - fess - ing, all through our

lives, Love that dreamed a new cre - a - tion,
 lives.

love that dared an in - car - na - tion, love that of - fers

trans - for - ma - tion all through our lives.

2. How our wounds ache for love's healing
 all through our days.
 How our world needs love's revealing,
 all in its ways.
 Fearful hearts suspect the stranger,
 hardened nations arm for danger,
 love lives on, the powerful changer,
 all through our days.

3. Love's the grace that makes us caring
 all through our lives,
 urges us to warmth and sharing
 all through our lives,
 speaks in us, oppression naming,
 strives in us, injustice shaming,
 lives in us, true peace proclaiming
 all through our lives.

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.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Let us quietly reflect on the mystery and promise of Advent as the Divine Spirit leads.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. AMEN.

INTERCESSIONS

Make your ways be known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT from the NZ PRAYER BOOK

Creator God,
We praise you for your love in coming to us, unworthy though we are.
Give us grace to accept the Christ that comes in your name,
and the courage to be Christ for others.

We praise and thank you, Creator God, for you have not left us alone.
Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in a manger.
Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.
In time or out of time you will be revealed and we shall see you face to face.

Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer,
to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed.
AMEN.

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for all of us to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear, and despair. Help us to have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longing for the healing of our suffering world. Knowing good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. AMEN.

COLLECT FOR EVENING

Gracious God, you have given us much today; grant us also a thankful spirit. Into your hands we commend ourselves and those we love. Be with us still, and when we take our rest renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Closing Response

God to enfold you

ENFOLDING

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.

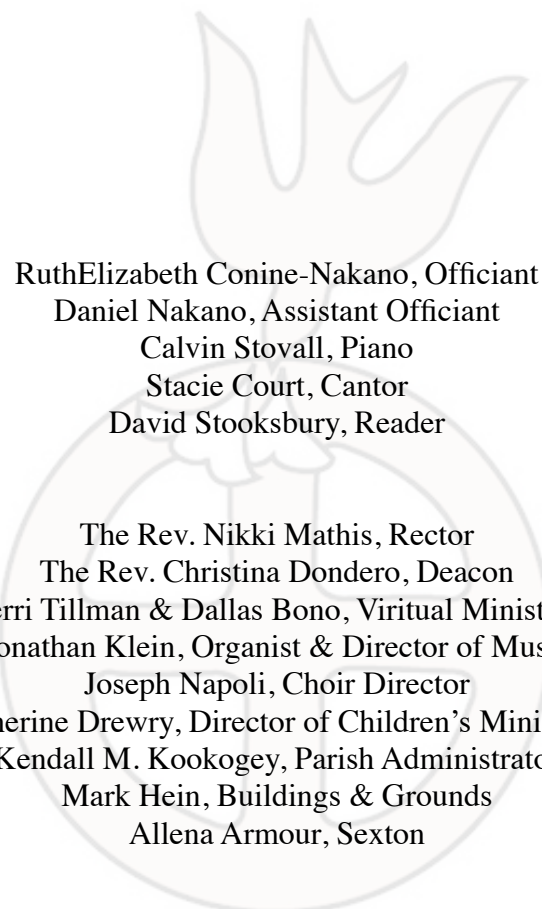
FINAL BLESSING

Officiant Christ, the sun of righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our path and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with us always.

People **Amen. We go to serve in the name of Christ.**

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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