

Taizé



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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING / EVENING PRAYER

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

Officiant: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 116

All: *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.**

Opening Song

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 212

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Song

In God alone my soul
1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

B Em C G D Em Am B

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

Em G/B C D G Em C G D

God my peace_ and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon_ sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

Em Am B Em Am B Em B Last time

soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace. In
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix. Mon

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 49

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness

Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth,
both low and high, rich and poor together!
My mouth shall speak wisdom! the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
I will incline my ear to the Word; I will solve my problems
through the whispers of the Heart's voice.

Why should I give up in times of trouble,
when stubborn fears oppress me, when illusion surrounds me,
Fears that can give birth to greed and lead to exploitation?

Truly I cannot save myself, or offer a haven of peace to another,
When my home is like a hornet's nest, a hive of restless fears.
Turning to you, O Guiding Spirit, is my strength and support,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

Yes, even the wise are not immune to fear;
yet, unlike the ignorant, the wise face their fears with resolve.
Not running away, nor projecting them onto others,
They trace them to the source, rooting them out as weeds from a rose garden.
Thus, they do not trust in the riches of the world,
but in the Treasure hidden within the heart.

Others are arrogant in their ignorance, proud of their own counsel.
Like sheep led to slaughter, their fears compel them to walk in the darkness,
Guiding them onto unholy paths, into webs of intrigue,
where despair and destruction make their home.
Yet does the Spirit of Truth abide within, veiled by bulwarks of pain.

Be not afraid to discover the Treasure within,
to seek the gold hidden in the garden of your heart.

For inasmuch as you root out each fear, with truth and peace and joy
become your riches.
You will live in the realm of Love becoming a light, a beneficial presence in the world.
Future generations will be blessed, the bonds of ignorance broken forever.

O Spirit of Truth, You are our strength and our guiding light,
Lead us, O Love, to the eternal Treasure, the Heart of all hearts.

**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**

Song

Holy is His Name

John Michael Talbot

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit exalts in God my savior.
For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness,
and my name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me,
and his mercy will reach from age to age. (*refrain*)

He has mercy in ev'ry generation.
He has revealed his power and his glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
and has lifted up the meek and the lowly.
He has come to help his servant Israel;
he remembers his promise to our fathers. (*refrain*)

***REFRAIN:**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a G chord, followed by an A chord, then an F#m chord, and ends with a Bm chord and a B sus2/A chord. The lyrics are: "And - ho - ly, ho - ly,". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a G chord, followed by an A chord, then a D chord, and ends with a D chord marked with a fermata. The lyrics are: "ho - ly is his - name." The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and chords, ending with a D chord marked with a fermata.

FIRST READING

read by David Stooksbury

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’. John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

Our soul is waiting

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

A Dm C F B \flat B \flat 6 Dm A Dm *Last ti*

Our soul is wait-ing for God. Our hearts find joy— in the Lord.
 Notre âme at-tend le Sei-gneur. En lui la joie de no-tre cœur.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and contemplative, with lyrics in English and French. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, Dm, C, F, Bb, Bb6, Dm, A, Dm. A circled 'A' above the first measure indicates a first ending. The piece concludes with a fermata and the instruction 'Last ti'.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

You are invited to quietly reflect on what the Divine Spirit is saying to each of us as we continue our blessed Advent journey.

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.

SUFFRAGES 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 by your Holy Spirit.**

SELECTED PRAYERS

BCP 826

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP 133

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 64

O heavenly Word, eternal Light

○ HEILAND, REISS



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
 * 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
 2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
 3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
 4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

BLESSING

Officiant:

Life is short, and we do not have much time
 to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
 So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
 And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us,
 and who travels with us be with us now and forever. AMEN.

All:

let us bless and serve the Lord. Amen.

*Thank you to Lane Norton
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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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