

Taizé



December 2, 2020

6:00PM

[YouTube Channel](#)

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church

www.stgregoryathens.org | 706.546.7553 | office@stgregoryathens.org
3195 Barnett Shoals Road, Athens, GA 30605

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING / EVENING PRAYER

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

Officiant: Come, O Beloved, make your home in our hearts. (*Psalm 13:5*)

People: Yes, come, O Beloved, into our hearts.

Officiant: 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*
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

Our Soul is Waiting

♩ = 80

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

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.

Verses (Cantor)

Dm B \flat ⁶ C F F⁶ Em A D.C.

O O

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 211

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song

Bless the Lord
1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

$\text{♩} = 72$
(Psalm 103:1)

The musical score is for the hymn 'Bless the Lord' (Psalm 103:1). It is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 72 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system contains the lyrics: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

BCP 118

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.

PSALM 12

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill

Come to our aid, O Beloved! darkness seems to pervade the earth;
Where is the faith, the integrity that once lived in the hearts of your people?
Where is the truth, the trust that made its home in us?

O Love, cleanse us from our double talk,
Create in us new and sing hearts, Spare us from those who think,
"Our speeches will win over all. Words are our weapons; no one can master us!"

"For the hearts of those who call to Me, For those who cry out for wholeness,
I shall make Myself known", says the Beloved;
"I shall make Myself known in their hearts."

The promises of Love are pure,
like silver refined in a crucible, like god purified seven times.
Be our safeguard, O Blessed One,
Stay close by throughout these dark days where unloving hearts seem to abound.
Come to our aid. O Beloved!

**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**

FIRST READING

read by David Stooksbury

Isaiah 2:1-11

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! For you have forsaken the ways of your people, O house of Jacob. Indeed they are full of diviners from the east and of soothsayers like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with foreigners. Their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots. Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made. And so people are humbled, and everyone is brought low— do not forgive them! Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust from the terror of the Lord, and from the glory of his majesty. The haughty eyes of people shall be brought low, and the pride of everyone shall be humbled; and the Lord alone will be exalted on that day.

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

Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE SECOND READING

read by David Stooksbury

Luke 20:19-26

When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. So they asked him, 'Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, 'Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?' They said, 'The emperor's.' He said to them, 'Then give to the emperor the things that are the

emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

You are invited to quietly reflect on what the Divine Spirit is saying to each of us as we enter this blessed Advent season.

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.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP 123

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

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.

Song

We will meet

Iona Community

We will meet; when the dan - ger is
 We will join to give thanks and sing
 So let's make with each o - ther a

o - ver, we will meet when the sad days are done; we will meet sit - ting close - ly to
 glad - ly, we will join to break bread and share wine; and the peace that we pass to each
 prom ise that when all we've come through is be - hind, we will share what we missed and find

geth - er and be glad our to - mor - row has come
 o - ther will be more than a cas - u - al sign.
 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

way. That's our hope and God's will and our calling for our lives and for ev' - ry new day.

BLESSING

Officiant:

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.

People:

Thanks be to God.

*Thank you to Lane Norton
for designing the Advent wreath for our service!*

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.



The Rev. Nikki Mathis, Rector
The Rev. Christina Dondero, Deacon
RuthElizabeth Conine-Nakano, Officiant
Daniel Nakano, Assistant Officiant
Annette Bates, Piano
Stacie Court, Cantor
David Stooksbury, Reader
Terri Tillman & Anthony Barkdoll, Virtual Ministers
Jonathan Klein, Organist & Director of Music
Joseph Napoli, Choir Director
Catherine Drewry, Director of Children's Ministries
Kendall M. Kookogey, Parish Administrator
Mark Hein, Buildings & Grounds
Allena Armour, Sexton

