

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: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

BCP 75

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.**

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Let us pray.


BCP 212

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.


Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel


VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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 113

BCP 756

- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

**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

If in your heart

Ana Hernández

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "If in your heart you make a man - ger for his birth, then". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "God will once a - gain be - come a child on earth. If".

FIRST READING

read by David Stooksbury

Revelation 21:22 - 22:5

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

Lord Jesus Christ
1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) with lyrics in English and French, a bass line (bass clef) for the vocal part, and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: Bm, Em, A, D. Lyrics: Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us. / Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re,

System 2: Chords: Bm, A, D, G⁶, F[#], Bm, Em. Lyrics: Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your / ne lais - se pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

System 3: Chords: A, D, G, G⁶, Bm/F[#], F[#], Bm. Lyrics: light shines with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love. / mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

SECOND READING

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Antiphon
Unison or harmony

1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness

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of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in

claims the great - ness of the Lord, my

God my Sa - vior; for he has looked

spi - rit re - joic - es in God

with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
3 He has mercy on those who fear him
4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,
8 The promise he made to our fathers,
9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,

2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]
4 he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit.
5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
7 for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,
8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]
9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
10 and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

The antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

You are invited to quietly reflect on what the Divine Spirit is saying to each of us as we conclude 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 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.

SELECTED COLLECTS

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

TUNE: OLD COLLEGEVILLE HYMNAL

Of the Father's love begotten, 'ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Blessed was the day for ever When the Virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race.
And the child, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected; Let creation praise the Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing;
All dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Persons three, yet Godhead One.
Glory be from all creation while eternal ages run,
Evermore and evermore.

BLESSING

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

*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.



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