

Taizé



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AN ORDER FOR AN EPIPHANY VI 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 earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea. *Habakkuk 2:14*

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

Humbly in your sight

TIZA PANTAZI PINU

Hum - bly in your sight we come to - ge - ther, God, _____

grant us now the bless - ing of your pre - sence here.

1. Humbly in your sight we come together, God,
grant us now the blessing of your presence here.
2. These, our hearts, are yours, we give them to you, God,
purify our love to make it like your own.
3. These, our eyes, are yours, we give them to you, God,
may we always see your world as with your sight.

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

Let the broken ones be healed

Sandra Gay

A musical score for a response in 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'A' and 'B' and contains the lyrics: "Let the brok-en ones be healed. Let the lost be found and fed. Let the grace of God roll on. Let the". The second staff is labeled 'C' and contains the lyrics: "ri - ver rise and spread. Step in - to the stream with me. Let God's gra-cious pur-pose be!". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat.

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 101

PSALMS FOR PRAYING: An Invitation to Wholeness

I sing of loyalty and of justice; to You, O Beloved, I sing.
I give heed to the Way that leads to peace.
Making a home in our hearts, You are our loving Companion and Friend.

May I walk with integrity where'er I go, May I see You in all creation!
May I be a mirror of your Love to all that I meet;
May I reflect the freedom of your Truth and live as a beneficial presence in the world.

Forgive me, O Merciful One, if I turn from those in need.
Humble me if I become arrogant and greedy. Embrace me with your Presence.

I accompany those who love You, that I may grow in wisdom;
I enter into the Silence, into the Eternal Light, and listen for your gentle Voice.
For, no one who oppresses another, who keeps company with injustice, will dwell in the house of Love. And, no one who prefers darkness will live in the glory of Light.

In the morning I offer myself to You in prayer, by night I surrender to You in trust;
O that I might walk in the Light with a grateful heart, and radiate peace to the world!

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.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:15-64:9

Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and glorious habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The yearning of your heart and your compassion? They are withheld from me. For you are our father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our father; our Redeemer from of old is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. Your holy people took possession for a little while; but now our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. We have long been like those whom you do not rule, like those not called by your name. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who

gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Response

Eye has not seen

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has

read-y for those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the

To verses

mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Coda - after last refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has

read - y for those who love him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is the Refrain, followed by a second staff. The third staff is labeled 'To verses' and the fourth staff is labeled 'Coda - after last refrain'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

SECOND READING

Mark 11:27-12:12

Again they came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?' Jesus said to them, 'I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me.' They argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why then did you not believe him?" But shall we say, "Of human origin"?'—they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet. So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Let us quietly reflect 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.

COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY VI

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Loving God, we pray in this time of crisis. Deliver us from simply desiring to go “back to normal”, and give us grace instead to be open to the opportunities that your Spirit brings in times of separation. Grant that we may come out of this crisis with open eyes, more fully available to the needs of those most vulnerable and those whose labour we have always depended on. Give us creative hearts to embrace and carry forward the new ways we have found to connect with one another; and in your good time bring us safely back together as a people renewed in the knowledge of your faithfulness and abiding love and strengthened for the work ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus and all the holy names of God. AMEN. *By Kathleen Staudt, episcopalchurch.org*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE DIVERSITY OF RACES AND CULTURES

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Thank you for the night

COMPLIMENT

The musical score is for a closing response in 4/4 time, marked 'gently'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4, then a half note G3. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4, then a half note G3.

*2. Thank you for the quiet as silence scatters sound,
while God, in both, is waiting to be found.*

*3. Thank you for the dark to complement the light,
as insight, open-eyed, replaces sight.*

*4. Thank you for the word, which darkness can't contain,
that life, laid down, is raised to life again.*

*5. Thank you for the night, a measure of your care.
In darkness, as in light, you, Lord, are there.*

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

Officiant Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
People: **Amen. We go 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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