

# Taizé



Season of Epiphany

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# AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING / EVENING PRAYER

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

Our service this evening begins on page 109 of the Book of Common Prayer or can be found in the online bulletin.

*Officiant:* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60.1-3*

## Opening Song

*Christ, be our light*

Bernadette Farrell

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine out

*Descant*



*Melody*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

through the dark, shine!



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

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## PRAYER FOR LIGHT

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BCP 215

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

The image shows a musical score for the song 'In God alone my soul'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 66. The first system includes the following lyrics: 'In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy. Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon sa-lut.' The second system includes: 'On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest\_ and peace. In Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re- pose en paix. Mon'. The score includes various musical notations such as chords (B, Em, C, G, D, Em Am7, B, Em, C, D, G, Em, C, G, D, Em, Am7, B, Em, Am, B, Em, B), rests, and a 'fine' marking at the end of the second system.

## 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 72

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholness

Bring justice to the peoples, O Beloved, and your mercy to all generations!  
 May the people be known for mercy, rendering justice to the poor!  
 Let their spirits soar as the eagle, let joy abide in every heart!  
 May we heed the cry of the poor - the young and the old,  
 helping to free all those in need, awakening the souls of oppressors!

May we know oneness with You as long as the sun endures,  
 as long as the stars shine, throughout the generations!  
 May we acknowledge You in the rain falling on the fields, like showers that water the earth!  
 In our day may justice flourish, and peace abound, throughout all nations!

May every heart open to your Love from sea to sea, from the River of Life out to the universe!  
 May fears that paralyze the people rise up from the depths into your Light!

May the leaders of the nations from all the earth, listen to Love's Voice;  
 May they spend time in Silence before they counsel!  
 May the leaders surrender to your Love, and the nations serve the Most High!  
 For You heed the needy when they call, the poor and those who and those who have no friend.  
 You have compassion on the weak, the downtrodden, giving them strength and hope.  
 From injustice and oppression, You redeem their life; and precious are they in your Heart.

Long may you live in our hearts, may praises be sung to You!  
 May our prayers rise up before You and blessings of love be freely rendered.  
 May we be ever grateful for the grain of the fields, for the fruits of the vine to be shared with all;  
 And may the people blossom forth in the cities, diverse like flowers in the meadow!  
 May your Name live on forever, your Love endure as long as the sun!  
 May the people bless themselves in knowing You, and all nations call You Blessed!

Blessed be the Beloved, the One who dwells in open hearts, who guides us along the way.  
Blessed by You, who come in Name of Love; may your glory fill the earth! Amen and Amen!

**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.**

Hymn 613

*Thy kingdom come, O God!*

ST. CECILIA

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of chords and single notes. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with the first line of each system corresponding to the first line of the lyrics. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and lyrics.

1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!  
2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?  
3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,  
4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;  
5 Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:

1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!  
2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?  
3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?  
4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.  
5 a - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 54:1-10

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the Lord. Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. This is like the days of Noah to me: Just as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

(Psalm 36:10)

♩ = 72

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is

life in all its full - ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

## SECOND READING

Mark 8:11-26

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, 'Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.' And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side. Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, 'Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.' They said to one another, 'It is because we have no bread.' And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?' They said to him, 'Twelve.' 'And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?' And they said to him, 'Seven.' Then he said to them, 'Do you not yet understand?' They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EPIPHANY

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

You who by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife. Shine the light of hope.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

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 us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us 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' longings for the healing of our suffering world. Please add your own intentions . . . Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.

quietly ♩ = 80

Now that eve - ning falls, — gen - tly fades the light. —

Moon re - pla - ces sun and day takes leave of night.

2. Gratitude we raise  
for the day that's gone  
and for love that stays  
till dusk is kissed by dawn.
3. To the Maker's care  
we in faith commend  
all we love and long for,  
all we still intend.
4. Glory be to God,  
glory to the Son,  
glory to the Spirit,  
ever three in one.

## FINAL BENEDICTION

*Officiant:* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts  
of those you 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.

## 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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