

Taizé



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AN ORDER FOR AN EPIPHANY 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 We call to mind your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
As your name is great O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. *Psalm 48:9, 10*

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 Hymn 123

Alleluia

TIBI, CHRISTE, SPLENDOR PATRIS



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther,
ev - er - more al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing,
Trin - i - ty, at the last to keep thine Eas - ter



ev - er raised by choirs on high; in the house of
all thy chil - dren sing with thee; but by Bab - y -
let us for a while give o'er, as our Sa - vior
with thy faith - ful saints on high; there to thee for



God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.
ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a guitar part with chords E, Am7, D, G, C, Am6, B7, Em/B, and B. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Do-na no-bis pa-cem cor-di-um. Do-na no-bis pa-cem...". The second system has guitar chords E, Am7, D, G, C, Am6, Em/G, B, and Em. The vocal line continues with "— Do-na no-bis pa-cem cor-di-um. Do-na no-bis pa-cem." The score includes both treble and bass clefs for the guitar part.

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 119:1-8

New Zealand Prayer Book

Blessed are those who live a blameless life: who follow your law O Lord.
Blessed are those who obey your instruction: and seek you with all their heart.
They also do no wrong: but always walk in your ways.
You laid down your precepts: for us to keep them diligently.
O that my ways might be steadfast: in the keeping of your statutes.
Then I would not be put to shame: when I give heed to all your commandments.
I will truly thank you from the heart: when I learn your just decrees.
I will keep your statutes: O do not utterly forsake me.

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 44:24-45:7

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfils the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited', and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins'; who says to the deep, 'Be dry—I will dry up your rivers'; who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall carry out all my purpose'; and who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be rebuilt', and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.' Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:1-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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

Thanks be to God.

Response

With You, O Lord

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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.

THIRD READING

Mark 4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."' And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

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 II

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world; Grant that your people, illuminated by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. 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*

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and everyone is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the Whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with 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

When the night becomes dark

When the night be - comes dark, your love, O Lord,
is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire.

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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