

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

The musical score for 'Dona Nobis Pacem' is presented in two systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a guitar accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The first system covers the first two lines of the song, and the second system covers the next two lines. The lyrics are: 'Do - na no - bis pa - cem cor - di - um. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. -' and '— Do - na no - bis pa - cem cor - di - um. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.' The guitar accompaniment includes chord diagrams for E, Am7, D, G, C, Am6, B7, Em/B, B, Em/G, B, and Em.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined 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 for ever. Amen.

BCP 215

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
 glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

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 119:25-48

BCP 765-767

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.
 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.
 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.
 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.
 29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.
 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.
 31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
 32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.
 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.
 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.
 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.
 36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.
 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.
 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.
 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.
 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.
 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.
 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.
 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.
 44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.
 45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.
 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings * and will not be ashamed.
 47 I delight in your commandments, * which I have always loved.
 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, * and I will meditate on your statutes.

**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.**

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

FIRST 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?

(hum)

Will you go where you don't know and ne - ver be the same? — Will you

let my love be shown, — will you let my name be known, —

— Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? —

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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.**

COLLECT FOR THE NATION

BCP 258

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR NATIONAL LIFE

BCP 820

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Round

I asked my sa - vior, "Take me with you please, up to a world of
 right-eous-ness and peace." And he ans-wered me, "Take me with you please
 out to a world of right - eous - ness and peace."

FINAL BLESSING

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

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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