

# Taizé Prayer



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# AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING : Proper 11 of Ordinary Time

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

Our service this evening begins on p. 109 of the Book of Common Prayer and can also be found in the online bulletin.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

## Gathering Hymn 608

*Eternal Father, strong to save*

MELITA

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 116

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

*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

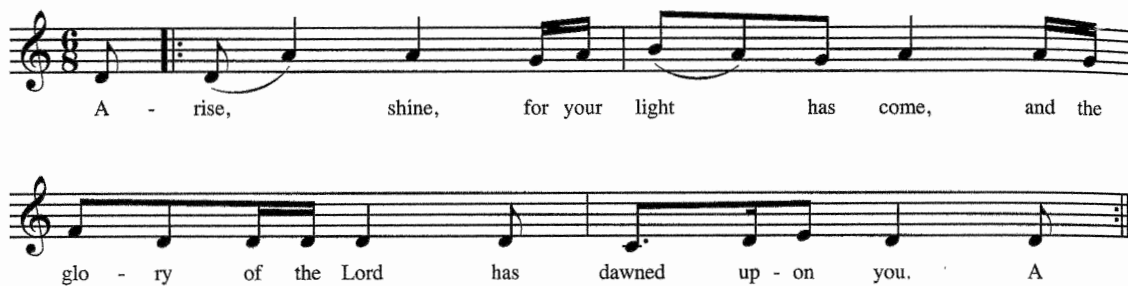
*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acclamation

*Arise, shine*

Ruth Cunningham



O GRACIOUS LIGHT

BCP 112

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

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 49

BCP 652-653

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.
- 12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  
and the end of those who delight in their own words.
- 13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; \*  
they go down straightway to the grave.
- 14 Their form shall waste away, \*  
and the land of the dead shall be their home.
- 15 But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.
- 16 Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  
or when the grandeur of their house increases;
- 17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  
nor will their grandeur follow them.
- 18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  
and were praised for their success,
- 19 They shall join the company of their forebears, \*  
who will never see the light again.
- 20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*  
are like the beasts that perish.

**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**

### Acclamation

*Come and fill*

♩ = 66

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

### FIRST READING

Acts 14:19-28

But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, 'It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.' And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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## Response

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

The image shows a musical score for the response. It consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Bless - ed are they who fol - low the law of the Lord!". The middle staff is the piano accompaniment, also in treble clef, with the same key signature and time signature. It features a melody with notes and rests, and includes chord markings: A, D, Bm, E, E7, and A. The bottom staff is the piano accompaniment in bass clef, with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic foundation with notes and rests.

## THE SONG OF SIMEON

BCP 120

**Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. 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.**

## 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.

**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.**

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all of the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of humankind, revealing the image of Christ.,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, ,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in  
Christ Jesus our Lord; to our Redeemer be praise and glory, with you, O Creator  
and our Sustainer, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 124

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **AMEN.**

### Closing Hymn 635

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

## FINAL BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to live, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Henri Frederic Amiel*

The Lord bless us and keep us. **AMEN.**

The Lord make their face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. **AMEN.**

The Lord lift up their countenance upon us and give us peace. **AMEN.**

## Thanks be to God.

### *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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