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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING: Proper 6 of Ordinary Time

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: God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

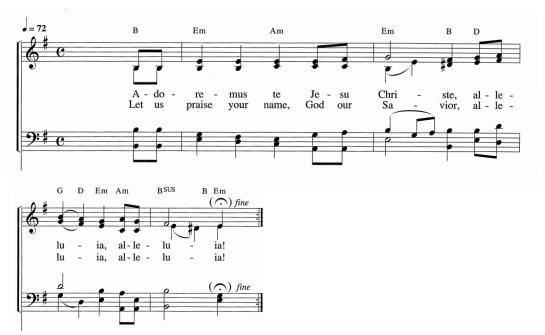
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

People: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour,

power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. AMEN.

Gathering Acclamation

Adoremus te Jesu Christe



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.



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 81

PSALMS FOR PRAYING: An Invitation to Wholeness

Sing in unison to the Most High, our strength;

shout for joy and join the celebration!

Raise a song, sound the great bells, the flute and the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, and on all the feast days.

Sing in gratitude to the Great Hunter, to the One who seeks out all hearts.

Give thanks in the congregations that Good News may be heard throughout the land.

I hear a Voice I have come to know: "I relieve your shoulder of the burden;

your spirit is free to create. In distress when you call, I come to you;

I answer you in the secret place of your heart; I invite you to the grace of forgiveness.

Hear, O my people, while I caution you! O, dear friends, if you would but listen!

Do not make of riches and ambition a powerful god;

do not become puffed up with pride and arrogance.

I am your very breath; I have been with you from the beginning.

Open your heart wide, and I shall fill it.'

Who among you will listen to the voice of the Beloved? How many will open their heart?

All you too stubborn to hear, who follow your own counsel, will know fear and loneliness.

"Oh that my people would listen, that, as friends you would walk in my ways!

Your fears would soon flee and your hearts would overflow.

You, who turn your backs on Love, will know only momentary pleasure,

your reward will soon be spent. I would satisfy your hunger, and with streams of Living Water, you would live in the joy of heaven here on earth!"

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 Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 20:27-40

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

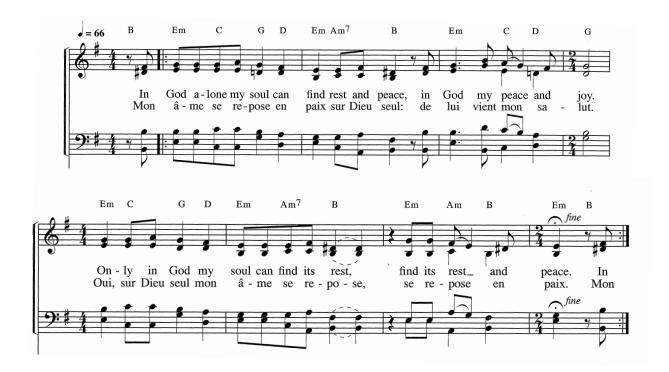
Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

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Response

In God Alone



CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Let us quietly reflect as the Divine Spirit leads.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

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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 this 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FROM THE CENTER FOR ACTION & CONTEMPLATION

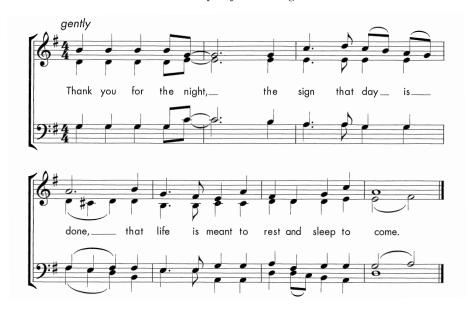
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Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, 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 heart's longings for the healing of our suffering world. Knowing, good God, you are healing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. 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.



- 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.

FINAL BLESSING

May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of the Holy Spirit instill passion, and the unity among them give us strength for this and every day. 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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