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A PENITENTIAL ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER: LENT II

Let us observe a moment of silence as we prepare to listen with the ear of the heart.

Our service this evening begins on p. 351 of the Book of Common Prayer and can be found in the online bulletin.

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Gathering Acclamation

Oculi Nostri

♩ = 92

The musical score is for the acclamation 'Oculi Nostri'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 92. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has lyrics: 'O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum, Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.' The second system has lyrics: 'o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum. Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.' The piano accompaniment uses chords: Em, D, G, D, Em, C, Am, B in the first system, and Em, D, G, D, Em, C, Am⁶, B, Em in the second system.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP 350

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

People **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 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.

Response

Lamb of God

John L. Bell

slowly
(cantor)
1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
(all)
[on us.] 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the
peace. 3 Lamb of God you take a-way the
world, have mercy on us.
world, grant us your peace.
sin of the world, have mercy on us.
sin of the world, grant us your
(v.3 only)
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
(v.3 only)
peace. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

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.**

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.

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.**

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

The musical score is written for SATB choir and organ. It features three staves: a vocal line (SATB), an organ line with chord symbols, and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my light and salvation." The organ part provides harmonic support with chords: G, Am7/G, Gmaj7, Am7, Am/C, Am7, C/G, and G.

THE READING

John 5:1-18

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, ‘It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.’ But he answered them, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Take up your mat and walk.”’ They asked him, ‘Who is the man who said to you, “Take it up and walk?”’ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.’ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father is still working, and I also am working.’ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

INTERCESSIONS

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
for only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this and every nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT FOR LENT II

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

FOR PEACE

John O'Donohue

As the fever of the day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today,
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war,
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other
A new vision to hear our fatal attraction to aggression.

That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lay down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares.

And no hurt or harm be done
anywhere along the holy mountain.

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN

Mark Bozzuti-Jones

Let our jars be cracked open Let our lives be poured out
Let our lives witness to those virtues, and vows, and gospel truth
knowing that all we do and think and say and pray matter.
Crack a little further every single day and let in the light of the right - the repentance
join hearts in the wisdom and love and life
prepared for cracked hearts from all eternity.

COLLECT 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.

yearningly

We bring our yearnings, Lord, of
heart and soul and mind - to see the patterns
you inspire re-stored to human-kind.

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2. We yearn to see a time when war and conflicts cease,
when turmoil fuelled by race and creed is overcome by peace.

3. We yearn to know a world where seeds of justice flower,
where burdens made by human greed no longer wield their power.

4. We yearn to find the ground where none need stand alone,
where all are welcomed, valued, loved and know they've reached their home.

5. We yearn to feel at one with all who call your name
to breach the walls that separate and end division's pain.

6. Lord, take and use our lives, we offer them for this —
that through our yearning and your power the earth will know heav'n's bliss.

Officiant

May the Spirit of God draw us out onto the wilderness road.
May she send us chasing chariots and smashing alabaster,
beyond all propriety.
May she bring us to dark-skinned eunuchs and Samaritan women
and young ones who dream wild dreams
and rich rulers who long to fit through the eye of the needle.
And may we receive you into our homes and our worlds,
so you might teach and convert all of us.
And may we enter the waters of baptism together, and die and rise in Christ
together, in the name of the Creator and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

From "The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community" by Stephanie Spellers

Officiant
People

Let us bless the Lord.
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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