

# Taizé



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# AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING / EVENING PRAYER

*Our service this evening begins on page 109 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

*Officiant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

## OPENING SONG

*Let Us Praise Your Name*

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

*v1. Piano v2. Cantor v3. All*

The musical score is for the opening song "Let Us Praise Your Name". It is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has a tempo of quarter note = 72. The lyrics for the first system are: "A - do - re - mus te Je - su Chri - ste, al - le - Let us praise your name, God our Sa - vior, al - le -". The second system has a tempo of quarter note = 72. The lyrics for the second system are: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The score ends with a double bar line and the word "fine" in parentheses.

*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.

## THE COLLECT

BCP 111

Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Hymn

*Our Darkness*  
v1. Piano v2. Cantor v3. All

♩ = 66

F# Bm Am D G F#

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the  
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

Bm A D Em6 F#sus fine F#

deep - est night is clear as the day light. Our  
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re. La té -

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.**

FIRST READING

*read by David Stooksbury*

1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF MARY

BCP 119

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever. 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.**

THE GOSPEL

*read by David Stooksbury*

Matthew 13:18-23

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn

## In God Alone My Soul v1. Piano v2. Cantor v3. All

(Psalm 62:5-6)

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in  
Mon â-me se re-po-se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my  
lui vient mon sa-lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In  
â-me se re-po-se, se re-po-se en paix. Mon

### CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

### THE APOSTLES CREED

BCP 120

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS

BCP 121

*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.**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

by Cameron Bellm

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 Song**

*Thank you for the night*

COMPLIMENT, John L. Bell

The musical score is for a closing song in 4/4 time, marked 'gently'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Thank you for the night, the sign that day is'. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'done, that life is meant to rest and sleep to come.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

*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.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 125

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## BLESSING

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Officiant:*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## 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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