

Taizé



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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EVENING / EVENING PRAYER

Our service this evening begins on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Officiant: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 127

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant: May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Song 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

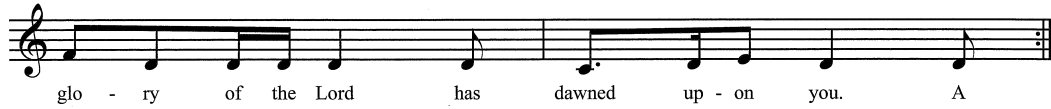
1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

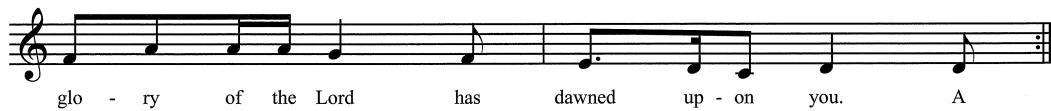
Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 110

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



• Teach Part 2 to the second group.



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.**

PSALM 122

BCP 779

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, * "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good."

**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**

FIRST READING

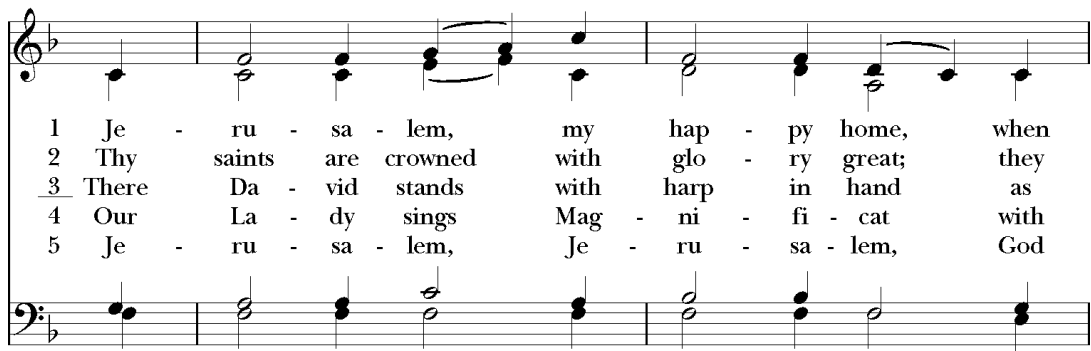
read by David Stooksbury

Ephesians 4:1-6

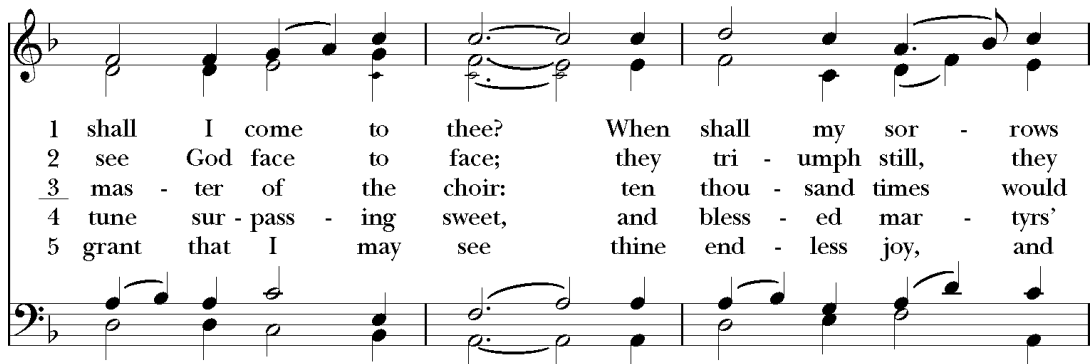
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

THE SECOND READING

read by David Stooksbury

John 17:6a, 15-23

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

*The Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.**

Song

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

♩ = 58

E F#m7SUS4 E/G# A/C# B/D# E

U - bi - ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where there is char - i - ty, self - less love,

A A E7/B A/C# B/D# E

u - bi - ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
where there is char - i - ty, God is tru - ly there.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Invitation by Officiant to quietly reflect on what the Divine Spirit is saying to each of us at this moment.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH (adapted BCP 578)

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this community, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings and virtual gatherings are the symbol,
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
We thank you, Lord.

For this community where we may be still and know that you are God,
We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life,
We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,
We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of your sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,
We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of St. Gregory the Great and of all your Saints,
We thank you, Lord.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: For the Unity of the Church

BCP 255

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Praying all of us God's protection during this uncertain period as the world battles the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us not forget, not everything is cancelled - the sun is not cancelled, the season is not cancelled, relationships are not cancelled, love is not cancelled, and most importantly, hope is not cancelled. Continue to guide us to make the right choices to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. We pray for the families of all those who have been affected and killed by the coronavirus. AMEN.

Adapted by a blessing from Dr. Ojo NPR/UGA African Perspectives

Song

Come and fill our hearts

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 66. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system includes the lyrics: "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." The second system includes the lyrics: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!" The score features various chords such as D, Bm, A, Em, C, and D.

BLESSING

Officiant:

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

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. **Amen.**

People:

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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