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: We give thanks to Almighty God, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

(Colossians 1:12)

People: Thanks be to God.

Opening Song

Let us praise your Name 1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All



PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 110

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All



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.

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.

Then the righteous will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have oppressed them and those who make light of their labours. When the unrighteous see them, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at the unexpected salvation of the righteous. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, 'These are persons whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach—fools that we were! We thought that their lives were madness and that their end was without honour. Why have they been numbered among the children of God? And why is their lot among the saints? Because the hope of the ungodly is like thistledown carried by the wind, and like a light frost driven away by storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day. But the righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

The Word of the Lord.

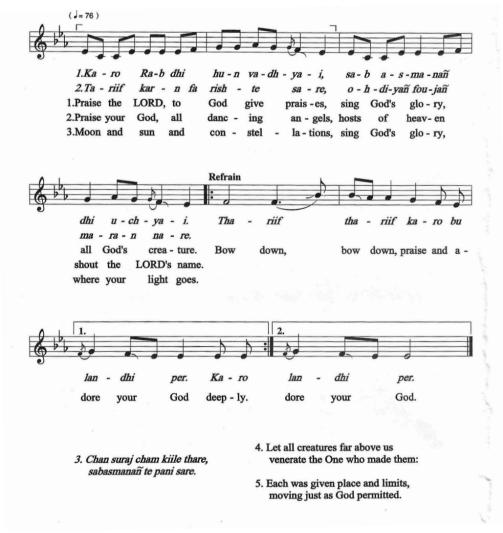
Thanks be to God.

SELECTION FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, to God Give Praises

Punjabi melody



SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-4: 22-22:5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of

the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Song

Sing Praise and Bless the Lord 1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All



CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

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

THE PRAYERS BCP 837

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

Officiant: Let us pray.

SUFFRAGES A

BCP 121

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

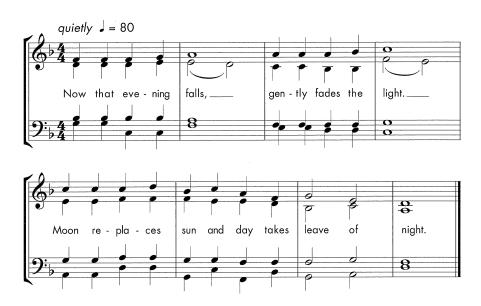
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 199

O Almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit hast made us one with thy saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and may know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to thy power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen**.

SELECTED COLLECTS

Song Now that evening falls John L. Bell



- Now that evening falls, gently fades the light; moon replaces sun and day takes leave of night.
- 2. Gratitude we raise for the day that's gone and for love that stays till dusk is kissed by dawn.
- To the Maker's care we in faith commend all we love and long for, all we still intend.
- 4. Glory be to God, glory to the Son, glory to the Spirit, ever three in one.

Praise the Beloved!
Praise be to You in earth's sanctuary;
praises be you in the mighty firmament!
Praise the mighty work of Love:
Praise the glory and extol the greatness of Love Divine!

Give praise with trumpets; give praise with lute and harp!

Give praise with timbrels and dance; give praise with strings and reed!

Give praise with booming drums; give praise with crashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Beloved with their lives!

May it be so now and forever! 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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