

# 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:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People:* **The maker of heaven and earth.**  
*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*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

*Glory and Gratitude*  
*1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All*

John L. Bell

**firmly**

Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let earth to  
Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise  
Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise  
Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise: these we of - fer to God.

## PRAYER FOR LIGHT

*Officiant:* Let us pray. BCP 110  
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.**

*gracefully*

God to en - fold you, Christ to up - hold you,

Spi - rit to keep you in hea - ven's sight;

so may God grace you, heal and em - brace you,

lead you through dark - ness in - to the light.

## 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 119:25-32 (Psalms for Praying)

With my heart's ear I hear the injunction to pray for my enemies,  
even those who persecute me!  
How can I, weak and fear filled, heed this difficult teaching?

**Help me to understand the way of your precepts, and the strength to follow through.  
My soul is willing, O Merciful One, yet the body would flee.  
Who is the enemy from whom I run, but the ego-fears hidden in the shadows within!**

Strengthen me according to your Life, lead me gently into the Light.  
For, I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
with trust in You, I will face my own darkness.  
I will not run from the illusion which beset me, so that  
each one may be transformed in and through your Love.

**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*

Ecclesiastes 7:4-14

The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of fools; this also is vanity. Surely oppression makes the wise foolish, and a bribe corrupts the heart. Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit. Do not be quick to anger, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools. Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to the one who possesses it. Consider the work of God; who can make straight what he has made crooked? On the day of prosperity be joyful, and on the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

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

Song

*Behold the Lamb of God*

John L. Bell

*1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All*

slowly

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.

takes a - way the sin of the world.

## THE GOSPEL

*read by David Stooksbury*

Luke 10:17-24

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Psalm 119:33-48 from Psalms for Praying)

Help me to know, O Teacher, the path to follow; lead the way and I will come.  
In your love is the power to calm the storms of adversity;  
show me the power of your forgiving Love.

**O That I might learn to bless others selflessly, to be a silent benediction!  
Incline my heart to Love Consciousness, and not to gain!  
Turn my eyes from the world's temptations and birth me into new Life.**

Let me enter into the realm where the aspirations of my soul may become manifest.  
Clothe me with compassion that I may answer the cries of those in need.  
Do You see how I long to serve, To co-create with You? In your mercy hear my prayer.

**You ever enfold us in the power of your boundless love, according to your Promise to us:  
You have implanted the Divine Seed in every heart, a Treasure beyond words.**

Teach us to nurture that Seed so it might blossom into fullness and maturity.  
O Giver of Life, may we recognize the Divine Seed in every person;  
May we be sensitive to all we meet along the way, blessing and encouraging one another,

**May we know that who we are is a reflection of You, the Divine Seed we bear.  
You are the Sunlight of our heart, the Water that brings forth Life!  
Praise be to You, O Holy One of Ineffable Power! 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

## SELECTED COLLECTS

Luke 2:29-32

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.

## Song

*We rejoice to be God's chosen*

NETTLETON

with a spring ♩ = 100

We re - joice to be God's cho - sen, not through vir - tue, work, or  
 skill, but be - cause God's love is gen - erous, un - con - formed to hu - man  
 will. And be - cause God's love is rest - less like the  
 sur - ging of the sea, we are pulled by heaven's dy -  
 - nam - ic to be - come, not just to be.

2. We rejoice to be God's chosen,  
 to be gathered to God's side,  
 not to build a pious ghetto  
 or be steeped in selfish pride;  
 but to celebrate the goodness  
 of the One who sets us free  
 from the smallness of our vision  
 to become, not just to be.

3. We rejoice to be God's chosen  
 to align with heaven's intent,  
 to await where we are summoned  
 and accept where we are sent.  
 We rejoice to be God's chosen  
 and, amidst all that we see,  
 to anticipate with wonder  
 that the best is yet to be.

## BLESSING

*Officiant:* The almighty and merciful Lord, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
bless us and keep us. 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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