

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: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

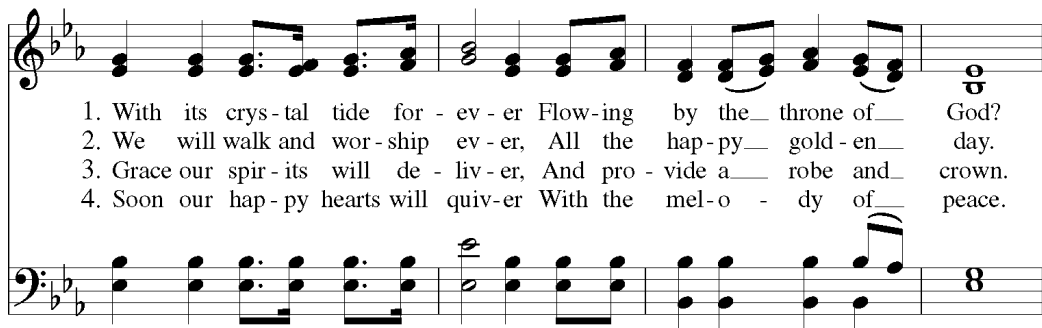
Opening Song LEVAS 141

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry



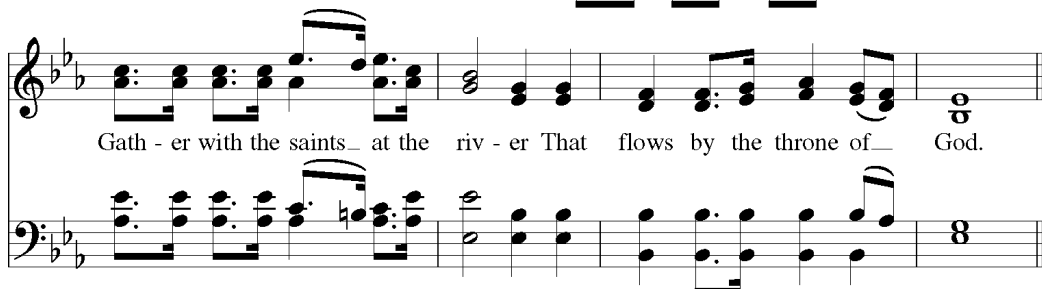
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ___
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ___
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ___



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God? ___
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day. ___
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown. ___
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace. ___



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 110

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Song

Veni Lumen
1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

♩ = 112

D G⁶ A D A/C[#] E⁷/B A

O Ve - ni Cre - a - tor
Come Ho - ly Spir - it,

ESUS⁴ E A G D Em Em⁷ A G/B A⁷/C[#] DSUS⁴ D

Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni lu - men
Com - fort - er. Come Cre - a - tor

G F[#] Bm^{*} A/C[#] D G A D

cor - di - um, ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um.
Spir - it! Come! Come and lead us with your 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.

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.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

**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

Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

Glory and Gratitude

John L. Bell

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

firmly

Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let earth to

Glo - - - ry - - - and gra - - - ti -

hea - ven raise. Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and

- tude - - - and praise - - -

praise: these we of - fer to God. - - -

- - - these we of - fer to God. - - -

THE GOSPEL

read by David Stooksbury

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus 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 the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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.

BCP 837

CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN AND SISTER MOON by ST. FRANCIS

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour and all blessing.

To You alone, Most high do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and his is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised by You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those who will find Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility. Amen.



1. Lord, make me a means of Your



1. peace. _____ Where there's ha - tred



1. grown, let me sow Your love. _____



1. _____ Where there's in - jury, Lord, let for -



1. give - ness be my sword.



1.-6. Lord, make me a



means of Your peace. _____

2. Lord, make me a means of Your peace. Where there's doubt and fear, let me sow Your faith.

In this world's despair, give me hope in You to share.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

3. Lord, make me a means of Your peace. When there's sadness here, let me sow Your joy. When the darkness nears, may Your light dispel our fears.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

4. Lord, grant me to seek and to share: less to be consoled than to help console, less be understood than to understand Your good.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

5. Lord, grant me to seek and to share: to receive love less than to give love free, just to give in Thee, just receiving from Your tree.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

6. Lord, grant me to seek and to share: to forgive in Thee, You've forgiven me; for to die in Thee is eternal life to me.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

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.

SELECTED COLLECTS

Song

Dance and sing

PULLING BRACKEN

moderato

DANCE AND SING, ALL THE EARTH, GRA - CIOUS IS THE
HAND THAT TENDS YOU: LOVE AND CARE EV - ERY- WHERE,
GOD ON PUR - POSE SENDS YOU. Shoot - ing star and
sun - set shape the dra - ma of cre - a - tion; light - ning flash and
moon - beam share a com - mon de - ri - va - tion.

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2. Deserts stretch and torrents roar
in contrast and confusion;
treetops shake and mountains soar
and nothing is illusion. (*chorus*)
3. All that flies and swims and crawls
displays an animation
none can emulate or change
for each has its own station. (*chorus*)
4. Brother man and sister woman,
born of dust and passion,
praise the one who calls us friends
and makes us in like fashion. (*chorus*)
5. Kiss of life and touch of death
suggest our imperfection:
crib and womb and cross and tomb
cry out for resurrection. (*chorus*)

BLESSING

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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