

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.**

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

Opening Song

I will always bless the Lord

TALLA CRIOSDH

gently $\text{♩} = 45$

I will al - ways bless the Lord, praise his
Al - le - lu - i - a, al -

name and love his word. Hum - ble folk will
- le - lu - i - a, al - le -

fill with joy, as in God I glo - ry.
- lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a.

2.

When I prayed God answered me,
from my fears he set me free;
none who trust God's faithful love
shall be disappointed.

4.

Taste and see that God is good,
know your yearnings understood,
find your true security,
be God's holy people.

3.

Those who cry are listened to,
those in need receive their due:
angels guard God's loyal folk,
keeping them from danger.

5.

Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia.

Officiant: Let us pray.
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.**

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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. O 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

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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

Psalms 121

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.**

All:

**My heart's eyes behold your Divine glory!
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from You, who created heaven and earth.**

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill

**You strengthen and uphold me, You, who are ever by my side.
Behold! You who watch over the nations will see all hearts Awaken to the Light.**

**For You are the Great Counselor; You dwell within all hearts,
that we might respond to the Universal Heart -
Like the sun, that nourishes us by day,
like the stars that guide the wayfarer at night.**

**In You we shall not be afraid of the darkness, for
You are the Light of our life.**

**May You keep us in our going out and our coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**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

Job 42:1-17

Then Job answered the Lord: 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me." I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'

After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: 'My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.' So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I
 2. Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my
 3. O when I come to die, O when I come to

1. rise, In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
 2. cry, Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
 3. die, O when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.

Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus, You may

have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

THE GOSPEL

read by David Stooksbury

John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

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

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
 For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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

Song

God to enfold you
1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

ENFOLDING

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.

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.**

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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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