

Taizé



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TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER

Our service this evening begins on page 115 of the Book of Common Prayer.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

OPENING SONG

Bless the Lord

1. Piano 2. Cantor 3. All

$\text{♩} = 72$
(Psalm 103:1)

The musical score is for the opening song 'Bless the Lord'. It is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 72 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of the melody and bass line, with lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system contains the second line of the melody and bass line, with lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' Chord symbols are provided above the notes: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Together: **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. Alleluia.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

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.

BCP 112

Read responsively by whole verse

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.
 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.
 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.
 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.
 29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.
 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.
 31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
 32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.
 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.
 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.
 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.
 36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.
 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.
 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.
 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.
 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.
 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.
 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.
 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.
 44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.
 45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.
 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings * and will not be ashamed.
 47 I delight in your commandments, * which I have always loved.
 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, * and I will meditate on your statutes.

**Together: 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. Alleluia.**

Song

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

ENFOLDING, John L. Bell

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.

READING

read by David Stooksbury

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON

BCP 120

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

I will always bless the Lord

TALLA CRIOSDH

gently $\text{♩} = 45$

I will always bless the Lord, praise his
 Al - le - lu - i - a, al -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 (hum)
 name and love his word. Hum - ble folk will
 - le - lu - i - a, al - le -
 - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 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.

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

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

5. Alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

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

THE APOSTLES CREED

BCP 120

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

BCP 121

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

SELECTED COLLECTS

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 124

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We will meet; when the dan - ger is
 We will join to give thanks and sing
 So let's make with each o - ther a

o - ver, we will meet when the sad days are done; we will meet sit - ting close - ly to
 glad - ly, we will join to break bread and share wine,; and the peace that we pass to each
 prom ise that when all we've come through is be - hind, we will share what we missed and find

geth - er and be glad our to - mor - row has come
 o - ther will be more than a cas - u - al sign.
 mean - ing in the things that once troubl - ed our mind.

- Un - til then may - we al - ways dis - cov - er faith and love to - de - ter - mine our

way. That's our hope and God's will and our calling for our lives and for ev' - ry new day.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 126

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

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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