



## PRAYER SERVICE

in the manner of the Taizé Community

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Monteith Hall

### BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE

*Parents, children, partners, friends, enemies;*

*Believers and those who cannot believe;*

*Christians and their fellow Christians.*

(Variation of greeting posted outside the Church of Reconciliation, Taizé, France)

*Holy Spirit, mystery of a presence, you say to each of us:*

*"Why be worried? One thing alone is necessary:*

*a heart attentive to understand that*

*God loves you and always forgives you."*

(Prayer by Brother Roger of Taizé)

### STAY WITH ME

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch \_\_\_\_\_ and

pray, \_\_\_\_\_ watch \_\_\_\_\_ and pray.

Cantor's text: Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray! Watch and pray not to give way to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak. My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here with me, stay awake and pray. Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Father, if this cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done.

## COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

Two systems of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of D major. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines, including a double bar line and repeat dots at the end. Lyrics are written below the notes.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.  
Com - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - - - ia!  
Com - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - - - ia!

## BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL - Instrumental

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

## OPENING SENTENCES

One: *In the beginning our God created the light.*

All: **Morning broke open on the first day.**

One: *This God of ours sent the light.*

All: **Jesus the Christ came to the world's people.**

One: *Evening light opens for us.*

All: **God's light illumines our lives; and opens us to worship this night.**

*SING, PRAISE, AND BLESS THE LORD*

First system of a musical score in 3/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: Lau - da - te Do - mi-num, lau - da - te Do - mi-num, om - nes, Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peo - ples! The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: Lau - da - te Do - mi-num, lau - da - te Do - mi-num, om - nes, Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peo - ples!

Second system of a musical score in 3/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor's Text: Praise the Lord, all you nations, praise God all you peoples. Alleluia! Strong is God's love and mercy, always faithful for ever. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let everything living give praise to the Lord. Alleluia! Praise to the Lord.

**A READING FROM 1 JOHN 4:7-12**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

*One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALTER

## PSALM 34

*(Left side of Monteith facing the chancel)*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
God's praise is always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

*(Right side of Monteith facing the chancel)*

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise God's name.  
I sought the Lord and was heard;  
from all my terrors set free.

*(Left side)*

Look toward God and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
When the poor cry out the Lord hears them  
and rescues them from all their distress.

*(Right side)*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

## A READING FROM MATTHEW 13:44-46

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

One: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SILENCE

*JESUS, REMEMBER ME*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**One:**      *God our helper, we thank you for keeping our lives always in your care and protection,  
and pray for any and all who are in harm's way...*

**All:**      **Lord, have mercy.**

**One:**      *For those walking in the midst of danger...  
For those who are treading a slippery path...  
For those exhausted and seeking relief...  
For those who face a mountain of worry or debt or any other obstacles...*

**All:**      **Lord, have mercy.**

**One:**      *Be guardian and Guide, we pray, setting all our feet  
on your paths of righteousness and peace.  
We pray for those who are struggling with a new challenge or call...  
With a major transition in life or livelihood...  
With their faith and understanding...  
With grief, ancient or new...*

**All:**      **Lord, have mercy.**

**One:**      *Keep in your tender care and mercy, O God, those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit...  
Those weighed down by depression or pain...  
Those recuperating from surgery or accident...*

**All:**      **Lord, have mercy.**

**One:**      *Protect not only us and those we love, but also the whole wide world you so love.  
In places of war, bring peace...  
In places beset by natural disaster, bring calm and restoration...  
Where there is unrest and injustice, make justice our aim.*

**All:**      **Lord, have mercy.**

**One:**      *Where hope has grown tired and thin, lift our sights, so that we may see hope beyond hope,  
Life beyond death, and you, lifted up before us.  
In the name of Christ, who gave himself for our sake, we pray.*

**All:**      **Amen.**

## OUR LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, pain-bearer, life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptations and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

(During the singing of the next two songs you are invited to the cross  
to offer your own individual prayers.)

### ***NOTHING CAN TROUBLE* - Instrumental**

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

### ***CHRIST JESUS***

O Chri - ste Do-mi - ne Je - su, O Chri - ste Do-mi - ne Je - su! O  
Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ

Cantor's Text The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose. Near restful waters you lead me to revive my drooping spirit. You guide me a long the right path; you are true to your name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil I fear. You are there with your rod and staff; with these you give me comfort. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is over flowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

### **CLOSING BLESSING**

One: *The peace of God go with you this night, reigning within you.*

All: **God's peace will make a difference in our lives, in all our relationships.**

One: *Walk in confident friendship with Christ, who suffers and rejoices with you.*

All: **Christ's presence will transform and strengthen us,  
wherever our journeys take us this week.**

One: *Live by the Spirit, acknowledging God's rule in your hearts and in your actions.*

All: **Alleluia! Amen!**

## *HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US*

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo/mood is marked *pp* (pianissimo). The lyrics are: Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Cantors' text: Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts. Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus. Father of the poor, come to our poverty. Shower upon us the seven gifts of your grace. Be the light of our lives. O come. Veni Sancte Spiritus. You are our only comforter, Peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength. Veni Sancte Spiritus. Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love that in the darkness of the world it may glow and reach to all forever. Veni...

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Please extend the peace of Christ with one another saying:*

*One: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Instrumentalists: Yuki Harding, Oboe; Brandon Cota, Cello; David Hufford, Piano

Cantors: Abby Kasenow, Nick Music, Benton DeGroot

Readers: Hannah Lundberg, Sandra McDonald, Randall Nicholls, Dave VanderMeer

**Our next Taizé Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. here in Monteith Hall.**

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**About Taizé:** Taizé is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France, not far from the town of Cluny. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

**Taizé's vocation** is to strive for communion among all. From its beginnings, the community has worked for reconciliation among Christians split apart into different denominations. But, the brothers do not view reconciliation among Christians as the end in itself; it concerns all of humanity, since it makes the Church a place of communion for all.

**Song** is one of the most essential elements of Taizé worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. And these simple songs then enable us to keep on praying when we are alone, by day, by night, and sometimes in the silence of our hearts when we are at work.

**Icons** contribute to the beauty of worship. They are like windows open on the realities of the kingdom of God, making them present in our prayer on earth. Although icons are images, they are not simply illustrations or decorations. They are symbols of the incarnation, a presence which offers to the eyes the spiritual message that the Word addresses to the ears. By the faith it expresses, by its beauty and its depth, an icon can create a space of peace and sustain an expectant waiting. It invites us to welcome salvation even in the flesh and in creation.

Soli Deo Gloria: To God alone be the Glory.



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