



## PRAYER SERVICE

in the manner of the Taizé Community

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

### 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)

### BLESS THE LORD

*p*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

*p*

*p*

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

*p*

Cantor's text: It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. As a Father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust.

*BY NIGHT WE HASTEN*

By night we has-ten, in dark-ness, to search for liv - ing wa - ter;

on - ly our thirst leads us on - wards, on - ly our thirst leads us on-wards. By

*Last time*

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'By Night We Hasten'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics, with the word 'By' at the end of the line. Above the final measure of the second system, the words 'Last time' are written above a fermata. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

*GIVE TO US YOUR PEACE*

*mp* = 72 Am C Dm ESUS E

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.  
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Give to Us Your Peace'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is C major and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and the metronome marking is '= 72'. Above the vocal line, the chords Am, C, Dm, ESUS, and E are indicated. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for God's people and friends, and those who turn to God in their hearts. Christ is our peace, making us one. In his own person he destroyed hostility. He came and preached the good news of peace.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*One: Jesus said: Love one another.*

**All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

*One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.*

**All: We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.**

*One: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.*

**All: We come to worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

## SING, PRAISE, AND BLESS THE LORD

Musical score for the first part of the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. 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!

Musical score for the second part of the hymn, including a first and second ending. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Na - tions! 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.

## READING FROM EPHESIANS 4:25—5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(Left side of Sanctuary)*

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 Sanctuary)*

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 JOHN 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

*One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SILENCE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In our prayers, let us give thanks for the gifts of God,  
and pray for those who work in God's vineyard, saying:*

**We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.**

*For the bounty of the earth,  
For the goodness within the human heart,  
For power to change and the will to learn...*

*Let us give thanks:*

**We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.**

*For all those who work for healing,  
For people in the caring ministries,  
For ecologists and researchers,  
For pastoral care workers and friends,  
For the hands of Christ in the world,  
For others we may wish to name...*

*Let us give thanks:*

**We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.**

*For all those who learn and teach,  
For apprentices and supervisors,  
For students and resource people,  
For program directors and camp leaders,  
For schools and educators,  
For wisdom and knowledge and guidance...*

*Let us give thanks:*

**We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.**

*For those who struggle for liberation and justice,  
For the witness of base communities,  
For mission and development workers,  
For those who risk their lives for others,  
For those who work for human rights,  
For those who speak truth on behalf of the oppressed,  
For all who bear witness to the way of Christ...*

*Let us give thanks:*

**We give you thanks, blessed Spirit. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*THE LORD IS MY SONG*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O  
 The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise; all my hope comes from God. The

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O  
 Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise; God, the well-spring of life. The

*NOTHING CAN TROUBLE*

*p* Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can frigh - ten. Those who seek God shall  
 Na - da te tur - be, na - da te, es-pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne

*p* *mf*

nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.  
 na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

*f* *mf* *f* *mf*

*f* *mf* *f* *mf*

## CLOSING BLESSING

*One: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.*

**All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.**

*One: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.*

**All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.**

*One: Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.*

**All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## *HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy Spirit, Come to Us". It is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The music is marked *pp* (pianissimo). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. / Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence.

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:

Musicians: Imani Mchunu, Heidi Hess-Willis, David Magumba, Brent Ivey, Cantors; David Hufford, Piano; Yuki Harding, Oboe; Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts.

Readers: Diane Knibbs, Sandra McDonald, Randall Nicholls, Nancy Oliver.

**Our next Taizé Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. All are welcome in person or you may watch the service on YouTube or Facebook.**

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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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