



PRAYER SERVICE

in the manner of the Taizé Community

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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)

MY SOUL IS AT REST

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time and C major. The top staff is for soprano or alto voices, and the bottom staff is for bass or tenor voices. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first section ending with a 'Fine' and the second section beginning with a 'Fine'.

My soul is at rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from God. My

Cantor's text: In God is my safety and glory the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God, all you people—
Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him for God is our refuge.

STAY WITH US

p

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

p

stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

f

mf

subito p

f

subito p

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.

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.

OPENING SENTENCES

One: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

All: Give thanks to the Lord.

One: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

All: Give thanks to the Lord.

One: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

All: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

SING, PRAISE, AND BLESS THE LORD

3/4 time signature, treble and bass staves. 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!

3/4 time signature, treble and bass staves. The lyrics are:

1. 2.
 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.

A READING FROM EXODUS 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to God;
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

A READING FROM MATTHEW 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*Holy God, who hears our cries and pities our groans,
you are ever faithful.*

We come to you with our petitions for ourselves and our community.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*For the church and its leaders—
that they be of open mind and open heart—
that they might be the Christian leaders you have called them to be—
and that the church be an instrument of love, justice, and peace.*

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*For our country and global community—
that all may be peaceful, fair, and respectful of all peoples
no matter the religion, color, gender, or kind of government.*

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*For our local community—
students, faculty, staff, and administration in our schools and universities,
health care workers, and all who are ill.*

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*For those who are overlooked in our society—
the poor, the young, the old, the bereaved, and the oppressed—
help us to see them and to be with them.*

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*Gracious and loving God,
We know that you hear us and are always with us,
And we thank you in Jesus' name.
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.

CHRIST JESUS

Musical score for organ and choir, page 10, showing measures 11-12. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the organ, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff is for the choir, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "O Christ Je-sus, Lord and Sav-iour! Christ Je-sus, Lord and Sav-iour! Christ". Measure 11 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 12 begins with a piano dynamic. Measure 13 starts with a forte dynamic.

Cantors' 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.

LIVE IN CHARITY

U - bi ca - ri - tas____ et a
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast mor,
 love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas____ De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Cantor's text: Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together. May your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives. Let us love one another as God has loved us. Let us be one in love together in the one bread of Christ. The love of God in Jesus Christ bears eternal joy.
The love of God in Jesus Christ will never have an end.

CLOSING BLESSING

One: May the generous grace of Christ attend you,
the astounding love of God find you,
and the surprising movement of the Holy Spirit guide you,
everywhere and always.

All: Amen.

HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

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.*

Our next Taizé Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. here in Monteith Hall. You may view it on YouTube or Facebook Live. All are welcome!

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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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