



PRAYER SERVICE

in the manner of the Taizé Community

Tuesday, June 1, 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)

IN GOD ALONE

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

The first system of musical notation for 'In God Alone' consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics: 'In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.' The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time, featuring a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace. In

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: 'On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace. In'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support. Both systems conclude with a 'fine' marking and a double bar line.

CHRIST JESUS

Musical score for 'CHRIST JESUS' in 3/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 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. The score includes triplets and a fermata over the final 'Christ'.

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 overflowing. 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.

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Musical score for 'LORD OF ALL GOODNESS' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: Lord of all good-ness, Son of the Fa-ther, may your peace sur-round us. Do-mi-ne De-us Fi-li-us Pa-tris, do-na no-bis pa-cem. (hum) The score includes a fermata over the final 'pa-cem'.

Cantor's text: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on God's word. My soul is longing for the Lord, more than the watchman for daybreak. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed will be redeemed from all its iniquity. Give praise to the Father almighty, to God's son Jesus Christ, our Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen!

OPENING SENTENCES

One: *With God, there is: Forgiveness.*

All: **Steadfast love.**

One: *Great power to redeem.*

All: **We wait for the Lord, who is our hope.**

Through the long night,
we watch for God more passionately
than for the sun's first light!

STAY WITH ME

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch _____ and". The piano accompaniment is in a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "pray, _____ watch _____ and pray." The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.

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.

A READING FROM GENESIS 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

One: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Left side of the sanctuary facing the chancel)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

(Right side of the sanctuary facing the chancel)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

(Left side)

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

(Right side)

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13–5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So, we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Let us bring our concerns for the world and for one another to God, praying.
Saving God, **hear our prayer.***

*God of the sky and sea,
your world brims with glory.
You have set us in the midst of a garden and trusted its tending to us.
We pray for our good Earth and the wisdom to care for it well,
that generations to come may enjoy its fruits and revel in its beauty.
Saving God, **hear our prayer.***

*God of the earthquake and the storm,
keep watch over your people and save them from despair;
strengthen and uphold them when trouble comes.
Saving God, **hear our prayer.***

*God of power and might,
the rulers of this world do not always seek your wisdom.
Guide all nations in the ways of peace and uphold the oppressed,
even as we work and wait for your coming realm.
Saving God, **hear our prayer.***

*God of healing and comfort,
pain and loss are all around.
Soothe the frantic, embolden the fearful, ease the suffering of the sick.
Give peace to all who grieve and hope to those facing death.
Saving God, **hear our prayer.***

*All-knowing, all-loving God,
we cannot always voice our hidden cares.
Hear our silent prayers, even those without words.*

(Silence)

*Saving God, **hear our prayer.***

*With trust in your sustaining Spirit,
thanksgiving for your Son's interceding,
and confidence in your coming realm of justice, peace, and love,
we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

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

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

LIVE IN CHARITY

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - fast mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
 7

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
 3

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

*Wait for the Lord;
hope in God, whose steadfast love endures forever.*

*May our Creator, who calls and claims us,
and may the Holy Spirit, who renews us day by day,
sustain us until all that is temporary is gathered into God's eternal glory.
Amen.*

HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy Spirit, Come to Us". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 6/8. The music is marked with a piano dynamic (*pp*). The lyrics are written below the notes. 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, Benton DeGroot, Andrew Frazier; David Hufford, pianist; Yuki Harding, oboe; Scott Armstrong, Bassoon; Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts

Readers: Brent Ivey, Jeanette Kibler, Diane Knibbs, Sandra McDonald, Randall Nicholls,

Our next Taizé Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. live-stream and in person. 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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