



PRAYER SERVICE

in the manner of the Taizé Community

Tuesday, May 5, 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)

SING PRAISES

p Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing
Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -

prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing
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fine

COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

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

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

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 ev'ry 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: *The heavens declare the glory of God.*
All: **The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**
One: *The plants and trees show God's presence.*
All: **Let us join with creation in praising God.**
One: *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,*
All: **the world and those who live in it.**
One: *God has founded it on the seas,*
All: **and established it on the rivers.**

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

The musical score is written for a single voice part, likely a cantor, in a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with syllables aligned under the notes. A long horizontal line with a fermata above it spans the first two measures of the vocal line, indicating a hummed introduction. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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)

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!

LITANY OF PRAISE FOR CREATION (*This litany is inspired by Genesis 1*)

Glory to you, O God:
*you speak a word of power,
and so you create the world.*

We praise you, O God:
We praise you, O God.

*For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life,
for the earth ordered from chaos,
and for light and dark,
we bless you, O God:*

We bless you, O God.

*For the cosmos beyond our earth,
for the sky above our heads,
and for the cycle of evening and morning,
we exalt you, O God:*

We exalt you, O God.

*For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers,
for the land with its mountains and plains,
and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,
we magnify you, O God:*

We magnify you, O God.

*For the sun to rule the day,
for the moon to brighten the night,
and for the shining stars,
we extol you, O God:*

We extol you, O God.

*For the fish in the sea,
for the birds of the air,
and for the monsters in the deep,
we glorify you, O God:*

We glorify you, O God.

*For wild animals and creatures of all kinds,
for cattle and all livestock,
and for everything that creeps on the earth,
we adore you, O God:*

We adore you, O God.

*For humankind made in your image,
for setting us on your good earth,
and for providing us food to eat,
we worship you, O God:
We worship you, O God.*

*Bless us, your creatures.
Accept our praise,
and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.
We praise you, O God:
We praise you, O God.*

*Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.
Amen.*

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Holy One, Holy Three, mother of all creation:
Yours is the womb of all life.
Yours is the fountain of living water.
Yours is the voice that breaks down walls.
*Yours is the love that cannot be contained.**

For the thirsty, you give the water of life.
For the hungry, you offer the bread of heaven.
For the weak, you carry heavy burdens.
For the joyful, you shout in holy laughter.
For the anxious, you summon showers of peace.
For the suffering, you breathe sighs of comfort.

*As we pray for the new heaven and new earth, O God,
we give thanks for this earth, our partner in your service.
*Move us to hear your voice in the song of the sparrow,
to see your face reflected in the river.*
*Awaken us to your greatness through the winds of the storm,
and the scent of your grace on the morning dew.*
*Empower us to hear your prophets in the croaks of evening frogs,
to read your gospel in the webs of writing spiders.**

In your great mercy you call us to care for your creation,
to uphold one another, and to pray for your world.

Hear our prayers for the healing of the earth...

For clean water, that all may drink...

For the right use of resources and the careful tending of the land and the seas...

For people and places damaged by war...

For those who suffer, those whose needs are known to us,
and those whose needs are known only to you...

With confidence that you hear our prayers,

We offer ourselves for your good purposes,

Watching and waiting for the healing of your creation

as we work toward your coming reign.

Through Christ our Savior, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and praise to you now and forever. 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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a first ending marked with a first ending bracket and *mf*. The bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a first ending marked with a first ending bracket and *mf*. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a first ending marked with a first ending bracket and *f*, followed by a second ending marked with a second ending bracket and *mf*. The bass staff has a first ending marked with a first ending bracket and *f*, followed by a second ending marked with a second ending bracket and *mf*. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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 for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The piece begins with a repeat sign. 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 dynamic markings such as *pp* and *ppp*, and performance instructions like "3" (triplets) and "fine".

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 along 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.

CLOSING BLESSING

One: *May the One who creates us, go with and before us,
May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life,
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.*

All: **Alleluia!**

One: *Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.
Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.
Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.*

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

Musical score for "HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US" in 6/8 time, key of D major. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The piece begins with a *pp* dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus." The score includes dynamic markings such as *pp* and *ppp*.

Cantor's 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:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Our next Taizé Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

