



PRAYER SERVICE
in the manner of the Taizé Community
Tuesday, June 2, 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)

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics for this section are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord, I will re -". The middle staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics for this section are: "joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is". The bottom staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics for this section are: "near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the". The music features simple harmonic progressions with chords like C, F, G, and D.

SING PRAISES, ALL YOU PEOPLES

Musical score for "Sing Praises, All You Peoples" in 3/4 time, key signature of B-flat major (two flats). The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The vocal line is in soprano range, and the piano accompaniment is in basso continuo range. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music concludes with a final cadence and the word "fine".

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

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Musical score for "Lord of All Goodness" in common time, key signature of B-flat major (two flats). The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The vocal line is in soprano range, and the piano accompaniment is in basso continuo range. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music concludes with a final cadence and the word "fine".

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!

OPENING SENTENCES

- One: *The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.*
- All: **The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**
- One: *The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.*
- All: **As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SING, PRAISE, AND BLESS THE LORD

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, 3/4 time, and the bottom staff is in bass clef, 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section of lyrics is: "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 second section starts with a repeat sign: "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 NUMBERS 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

One: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

PSALM 67

(Left side of the chapel facing the chancel)
O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

(Right side of the chapel facing the chancel)
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

(Left side)
Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

(Right side)
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

(Left side)
The earth has yielded its fruit
for God, our God, has blessed us.
May God still give us blessing
till the ends of the earth stand in awe.

(Right side)
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

A READING FROM JOHN 20:19-23

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

One: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*
All: *Thanks be to God.*

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(During the singing of the next two songs you are invited forward to the cross
to pray your own prayers of intercession.)

One: O Christ, Creator God, you were before the world began, and you came to earth to save us all:
make us witnesses of this Good News.

All: God, we bless your name.

One: Sun of justice, you shone at the Creator's side and illuminated the universe:
give light to all who dwell in the shadow of death.

All: God, we bless your name.

One: You became a little child and were laid in a manger: renew in us the simplicity of childhood.

All: God, we bless your name.

One: King of glory, you accepted such an inconceivable humbling: give us hearts which are poor.

All: God, we bless your name.

One: You became our living bread and gave us eternal life: gladden our hearts by your love.

All: God, we bless your name.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand and Traditional)

One: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

All: Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,

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.

One: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

All: The way of your justice be followed
by 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.

One: Give us this day our daily bread.

All: With the bread we need for today, feed us.

One: Forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.

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

One: And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

All: In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

One: For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever and ever.

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

CHRIST JESUS

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano. The music is in 3/4 time, key of A major (two sharps). The vocal parts sing in unison. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords. The lyrics are:

O Christe Domine Je - su, O Christe Domine Je - su! O
Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! 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 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.

GIVE TO US YOUR PEACE

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano. The music is in common time, key of C major. The vocal parts sing in unison. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords. The lyrics are:

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

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.

CLOSING BLESSING

- One: Worshippers of God, we are called into the world.
We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.
- All: God invites us to follow where Jesus leads.
Our presence is needed in unexpected places.
- One: If we love God, we will live by God's Word.
If we have met God here, our lives are being changed.
- All: God's Word of love is finding a home in our hearts.
God's light is leading us on new ventures of service.
- One: The peace of God goes with you, tonight and always;
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.
- All: God is blessing us every day; praise God!
We will carry God's saving power to all nations. Amen.

HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major (two sharps) and the bottom staff is in G major (no sharps or flats). Both staves have a common time signature. The vocal line is "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. _____ Ve - ni sanc - te spi - ri - tus. _____". The dynamic is marked with two 'pp' (pianissimo) symbols.

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 Sancte Spiritus.

SHARING OF GOD'S 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, July 7 2020, at 7:00 p.m. 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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