

An Order of Worship for the Evening

May 12, 2024 5:30 pm ... At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement from nor towards,
Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point,
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance...

T.S. Eliot, Burnt Norton

About this Service...

Taizé Chant: Taizé music comes from the Taizé Community, a French ecumenical religious community founded in 1940. The hallmark ministries of this community are ecumenical prayer and hospitality, and music plays a significant role in both. Taizé is a prayerful form of music known for its simple, yet rich and meditative character. Taizé music often takes the structure of an ostinato (a simple melody that repeats over and over) and is meant to serve as a kind of musical centering prayer. Because Taizé music itself is intentionally simple, it provides a great way to move our prayer from the head to the heart.

From the McGrath Institute, University of Notre Dame

The First Reading: Sacred Poetry. In the Anglican tradition that shapes all our worship services, a portion of the Gospel is always read when we celebrate Holy Communion. Usually, one or two lessons from other parts of scripture precede the Gospel. At this service, we read a piece of sacred poetry instead. We find that the pairing of these new words with what may be a familiar passage from scripture can create a new perspective and offer fresh insights.

Silence. Silence, it has been said, is God's first language. By offering a generous, ten-minute period of silence after the homily, we hope to invite you into a time of rest, reflection, and possibly, a chance to listen to the stirrings of your heart, and to feel the presence of the holy. There is no one right way to enter this silence. Please see the rubric (directions) in the body of this leaflet for more information.

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Welcome. Please enter in silence.

Preludes

All stand as they are comfortable as the Celebrant says

Peace on each one who comes in need;

People Peace on each one who comes in joy.

Celebrant Peace on each one who offers prayers;

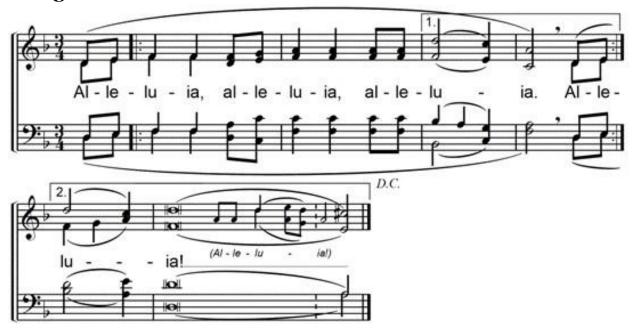
People Peace on each one who offers song.

Celebrant Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

People Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

All Sing

The Song of Praise



Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Reading: "The Best Thing in the World"

What's the best thing in the world?

June-rose, by May-dew impearled;

Sweet south-wind, that means no rain;

Truth, not cruel to a friend;

Pleasure, not in haste to end;

Beauty, not self-decked and curled

Till its pride is over-plain;

Light, that never makes you wink;

Memory, that gives no pain;

Love, when, so, you're loved again.

What's the best thing in the world?

— Something out of it, I think.

The Gradual: Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Please respond by the half verse (asterisk separates):

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

All stand as they are comfortable

The Gospel Acclamation

Sung by the Cantor, then All:



The Gospel John 17:6-19

V The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

R Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

V The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat the Gospel Acclamation as before.

The Homily

Silent Reflection

During the time of silent reflection, you are welcome to remain in your seat or to move about the nave and sanctuary. This quiet time is yours to enjoy as you will. There are prayer stations dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, and Saint Andrew, our patron. Feel free to light a votive candle at either of these two stations.

All stand

The Prayers of the People

I invite your petitions, silent or spoken.

The People offer their prayers after each bidding

We bring before God someone whom we have met or remembered today

We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer

We bring to God a troubled situation in our world

We bring to God, silently, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust

We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection

We offer our thanks to God for the blessings in our lives

We name before God those who have died.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Gracious God, you hear all our prayers: those we speak aloud, those we hold in our hearts, and those prayers for which we have no words. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant them as may be best for us, for the sake of your holy name. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory: Ubi caritas (*Where ever charity and love are* [...God is].)



All stand as they are comfortable

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3, EOW

Celebrant God is here.

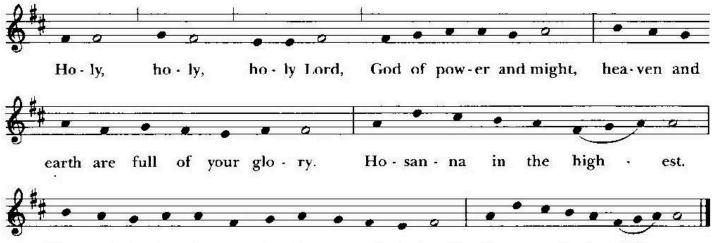
People God's Spirit is with us.
Celebrant Lift your hearts to heaven

People Where Christ in glory reigns.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.

Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you:this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory! Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, 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 for ever. Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Behold who you are.

Become what you receive.

The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you choose to receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the usher to receive the bread and wine.

The Communion Music

Instrumental music played during the distribution of communion

Once all have received and are seated:

The Communion Hymn



Stand as you are comfortable.

Prayer after Communion

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others, we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The People sit for the Postlude

The Postlude

Those Who Serve This Evening Celebrant and Homilist: The Rev'd Terri Hobart

Musicians: Frank Nowell

Sources:

Texts: Iona Community (adapt) New Zealand Prayer Book (adapt.); Enriching Our Worship

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Worship Schedule Sunday

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (in person and live-streamed) 5:30 pm - Still Point, *second and fourth Sundays* (in person)

Thursday

5:45 pm - Choral Evensong (in person and live-streamed)

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