



An Order of Worship for the Evening

April 28, 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

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line with "lu - - - ia!" and includes a first ending bracket labeled "1." and a second ending bracket labeled "2." with the instruction "D.C." (Da Capo). The lyrics for the second ending are "(Al - le - lu - ia!)".

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: "Long Barren"

by *Christina Rosetti*

Thou who didst hang upon a barren tree,
My God, for me;
Though I till now be barren, now at length
Lord, give me strength
To bring forth fruit to Thee.
Thou who didst bear for me the crown of thorn,
Spitting and scorn;
Though I till now have put forth thorns, yet now
Strengthen me Thou
That better fruit be borne.
Thou Rose of Sharon, Cedar of broad roots,
Vine of sweet fruits,
Thou Lily of the vale with fadeless leaf,
Of thousands Chief,
Feed Thou my feeble shoots.

The Gradual: Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

Please respond by the half verse (asterisk separates):

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

All stand as they are comfortable

The Gospel Acclamation

Sung by the Cantor, then All:



The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

R **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

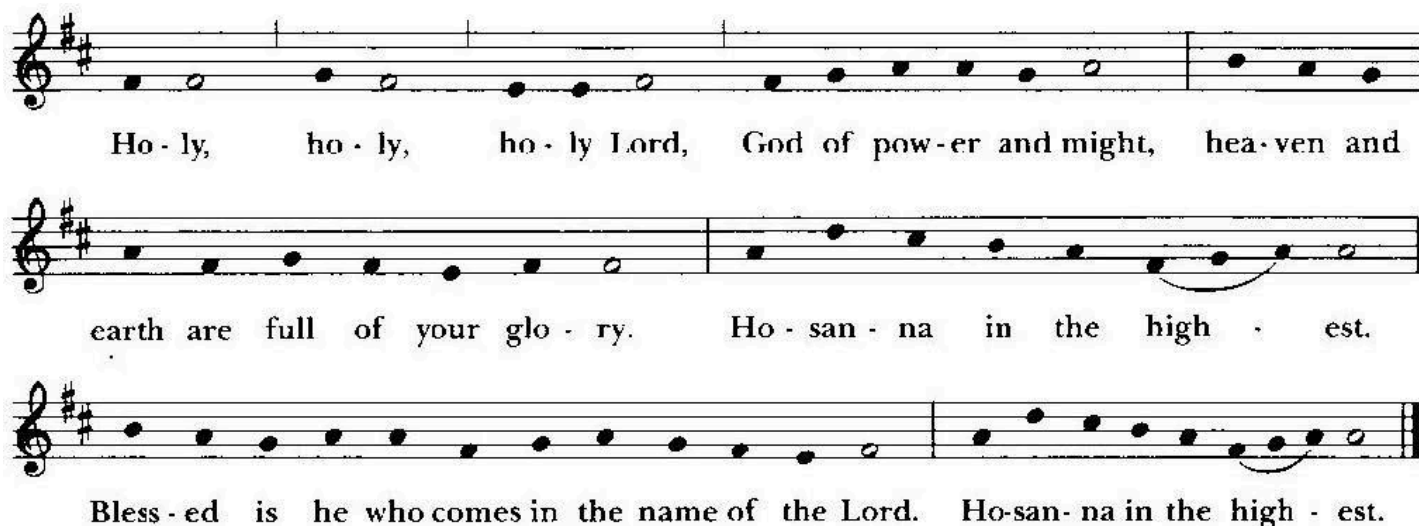
People **Where Christ in glory reigns.**

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:

The Sanctus & Benedictus *All sing*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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!

The Celebrant continues

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.

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

$\text{♩} = 72$

See, I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment in the bass.

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 Anna Horen

Musicians: Frank Nowell, Jim Fittz

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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