# CONTEMPLATION & PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ



Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things... making peace by the blood of his Cross. Colossians 1:15, 19-20

he worship tradition represented in this evening's service began many years ago at the ecumenical French monastic community of Taizé. It is a quiet service of meditation, reflection, readings, and music. The experience finds its true meaning in the active participation of all assembled by focusing and deepening our faith through the power of Therefore everyone is prayer. encouraged to participate as the Spirit moves them, whether that be in song, prayer, or quiet meditation. Much of our modern personal need is for entertainment. We have "busy" souls. The liturgy that has developed around the Taizé community is primarily for the worship of God, but it is also meant to quiet the soul. This quietness does not happen at once, but gradually during the worship. There is repetition in the words of the music, there are many periods of silence, and the readings are read slowly—all so that we may have a deep quiet in our hearts. Then we may be still and be at peace in the Presence of God.

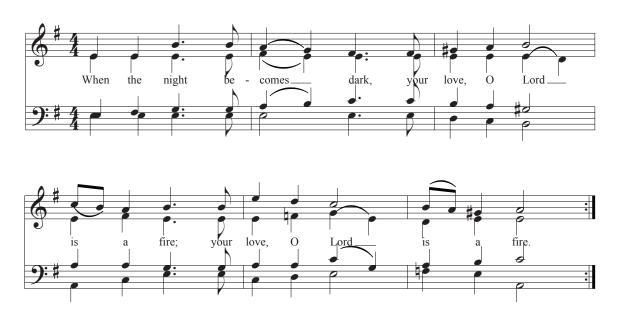
TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
APRIL 4, 2023, 7:30 PM
EPIPHANY PARISH OF SEATTLE

# **Introductory Sentence**

The Lord is my light and my salvation: My God shall make my darkness to be bright. May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

When all are gathered and quiet, the following is sung as the candles are lighted.

# **When the Night Becomes Dark**

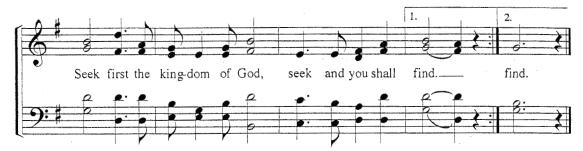


# **Prayer for light**

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever. As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. May your Word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path, that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world: Blessed be God for ever, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

We observe a period of silence to recollect God's presence invisibly surrounding us before we sing.

#### **Seek first**



# The Collect of the Day

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

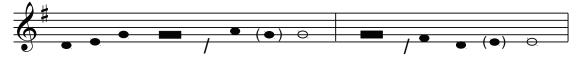
With the knowledge that for thousands of years the people of God have used the Psalms to express their waiting on God, all join in singing the following:

#### The Psalm—Psalm 70

Plainsong

The first verse is sung by the Choir; all join at verse 2, beginning each verse on the 'reciting tone' (square note). We observe a distinct pause at the asterisk \*.

An <u>underlined</u> <u>word</u> at the end of a phrase is sung on one note.



Choir

Be pleased, O God, to de-/liver me; \*
O LORD, make haste / to help me.

ΑII

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis-/mayed; \* let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back / and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn / back, \* because / they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be / glad in you; \*
let those who love your salvation say for ever, / "Great is the LORD!"

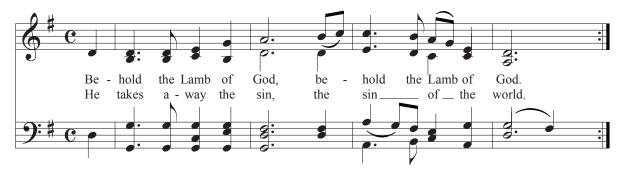
But as for me, I am poor and / needy; \* come to me speedi-/ly, O God.

You are my helper and my de-/liverer; \*
O LORD, do / not tarry.

#### **A Reading - John 13:21-32**

After we keep a silence following the reading, a cantor sings first, then all join.

# **Behold the Lamb of God**



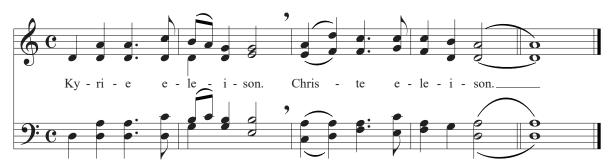
#### A Reading—from Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea (ca. 379)

A profound silence is kept.

#### **Intercessions**

After the Presider says "Lord, we pray," please sing each response, as indicated.

For those who are going through trials, who need help and compassion, Lord, we pray:



Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

God our Father, you have set up the Cross of Christ on Calvary to make plain to people of every race and time that violence and injustice inflict terrible wounds on your own love. Draw us and all humankind to the foot of the Christ's cross. There let us discover and admit our share in the continual wounding of your love. There let us find in our common need of your forgiveness the unity for which we long. And from the foot of the Cross let us go out to our daily lives, once more inspired by your love to stand against hatred, prejudice, and injustice and, if need be, to accept the pain of suffering with Christ, rather than deny the pardon and compassion we have ourselves received from his wounded hands.

Lord, we pray:

#### **Kyrie eleison**

Creator, Father, as our planet Earth spins on its endless journey through time and space, enfold it with all its longings, loves, and griefs in your eternal arms. As the night comes we commend ourselves into your safekeeping and ask your blessing on all who are waking to a new day, whether of hope or pain, on the far side of the world. Grant that when our journey of night is ended we may all wake to the unending morning of your new Creation, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Lord, we pray:

#### **Kyrie eleison**

Father, as we gaze out from our little planet at the vast universe you have made, our hearts and minds are overwhelmed by the immensity and mystery of your creation. A million years is only a passing day in the history of your purposes. Yet out of the abyss of time and space you have spoken to us through Jesus. You have revealed your heart to us, the heart of a Father yearning for your sons and daughters to turn to you so that you can renew our lives with your own Spirit. Father, help us to open our lives to your grace; to turn to Jesus as the one who alone has the key to the strange destinies of our lives; to lift our hearts in trust to you our Father and our God. To you be glory for time and for eternity.

Lord, we pray:

#### **Kyrie eleison**

God, the source and fountainhead of all beauty and truth; you have made a universe full of echoes of its Maker's glory. Grant us the open ear, the seeing eye, and the attentive heart, that we may never be content to rest only on the surface of material things, but may find beneath them the hidden presence of your love, brought close to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, we pray:

#### **Kyrie eleison**

We lift our hearts to you our Father, in thanksgiving for the gift of music as a language of the human spirit. Give us also the grace of your own Holy Spirit so to tune our hearts to the music of your transcendent joy that we may hear in all our music echoes of the songs of heaven.

Lord, we pray:

#### **Kyrie eleison**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time, with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, we pray:

#### **Kyrie eleison**

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## The Lord's Prayer chanted by all montone.

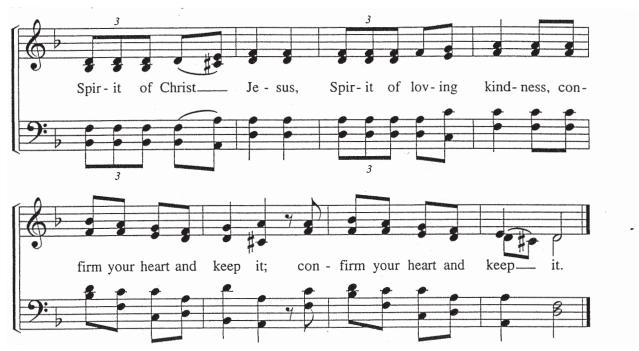
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

As a conclusion to the prayers, during the singing of the following texts, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle at the foot of the chancel steps.

## My soul is at rest



# **Spirit of Christ Jesus**



# **Adoramus Te, Christe**





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## **Concluding Prayer**

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Following the service please maintain the silence.

# THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

# THE SACRED THREE DAYS

# Maundy Thursday April 6

6:00 pm Agapé Meal in the Great Hall

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Epiphany Choir Watchnight follows in the Chapel

#### Good Friday April 7

7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy with Epiphany Choir

The Sacrament of Reconciliation follows the service

#### Easter Eve April 8

8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter with Epiphany Choir Dessert Reception follows in the Great Hall

#### Easter Sunday April 9

8:45 am & 11:00 am Festival Eucharist with Brass Ensemble and Epiphany Choir Potluck Brunch in the Great Hall between the 8:45 and 11:00 services Easter Egg Hunt 10:15

5:30 Evensong with Epiphany Choir