

*April 9, 2026, Eastertide*



*St. Columba's Evensong Candle Light Evening Prayer Circle*

*Cued Mìle Fàilte! ~ Welcome!*

You are invited to light a candle and please join in the songs. Please remain muted except when you are reading or voicing a prayer.



***Amber:***

The same God who said, “Out of darkness let light shine,”  
has caused light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation —  
the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

*2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

**Ann:** The Holy One is in our midst.

**(All)** O come, let us worship.

**Ann:** Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

*Psalm 70:1, 4*

**(All)** O God, make haste to help me!

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Let our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting

up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141:2*

**(All)** *O Gracious Light ~ Phos hilaron* (Call & Response)



1. O gra - cious Light, pure bright - ness of the ev - er - liv - ing



Fa - ther in heaven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and



bles - ed! 2. Now as we come to the set - ting of the



sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your



prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*Music setting: McNeil Robinson II, The Hymnal 1982*

**(All) Cantate Domino**



Can - ta - te Do - mi - no can - ti - cum no - vum.  
Sing a new song to the Lord, all you peo - ples.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Can -  
Sing

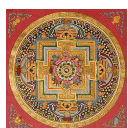


ta - te Do - mi - no om - nis ter - ra.  
out to God and re - jice, all na - tions.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



*Pause in silent examen*

- *1 Give thanks. Spend a few moments in gratitude for the gifts and blessings of the day.*
- *2 Ask for light. ...*
- *3 Examine the day. ...*
- *4 Seek forgiveness. ...*

• 5 *Resolve to change.*

*Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola*

**John:** LORD God, we thank you for showing us your mercy today;  
may that mercy extend to all those whom you entrust to our prayer;  
and may it bring your peace to all people,  
through Jesus Christ, our LORD. **Amen.**

LORD Jesus, support the sick, the dying,  
and all for whom this coming night will be a trial.  
Lead us with all our brothers and sisters  
from darkness into your own wonderful light,  
which shines for ever and ever. **Amen.** *A Celtic Primer*

**(All) Keep in Mind**

Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us  
and is ris - en from the dead.  
He is our ris - en Lord, he is joy for all a - ges.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Lucien Deiss, CSS (1921-2007), from 2 Timothy 2:8-12

**(All) Alleluia!**

Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - - ia,  
al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - - ia,  
al - le - lu - - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - - ia.

John Bell, Iona Community

**Katherine:** LORD, you have searched me and known me;

you understand everything I do;

you are closer to me than my thoughts.

You see through my selfishness and weakness,

into my inmost self.

There is not one corner of my mind

that you do not know completely.

You are present before me, behind me,

and you hold me in the palm of your hand.

Such knowledge is too awesome to grasp:  
so deep that I cannot fathom it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I take the wings of the morning

and fly to the ends of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me

and your spirit will give me strength.

If I rise to heaven, I meet you;

if I lie down in hell, you are there:

if I plunge through the fear of the terrorist

or pierce through the rapist's rage,

you are there, in your infinite compassion,

and my heart rejoices in your joy.

**Meg:** You fashioned my inmost parts;

you knit me in my mother's womb.

My soul was not hidden from you

when I was being formed in secret,

woven in the depths of the world.

How can I keep from praising you?

I am fearfully and wonderfully made,  
and all your works are marvelous.

Your eyes saw all my actions;

they were written down in your book;

all my days were created

before even one of them was.

**Amber:** How measureless your mind is, LORD;

it contains inconceivable worlds

and is vaster than space, than time.

Even if I tried to fathom it,

I would be like a child counting

the grains of sand on a beach.

Search me, LORD; test me

to the depths of my inmost heart.

Root out all selfishness from me

and lead me in eternal life. **Amén.**

*Psalm 139, A Book of Psalms, Stephen Mitchell*

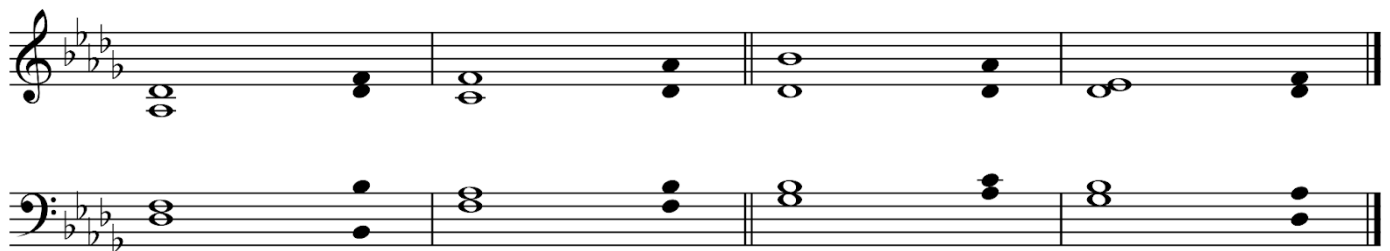


*Pause in silence.*

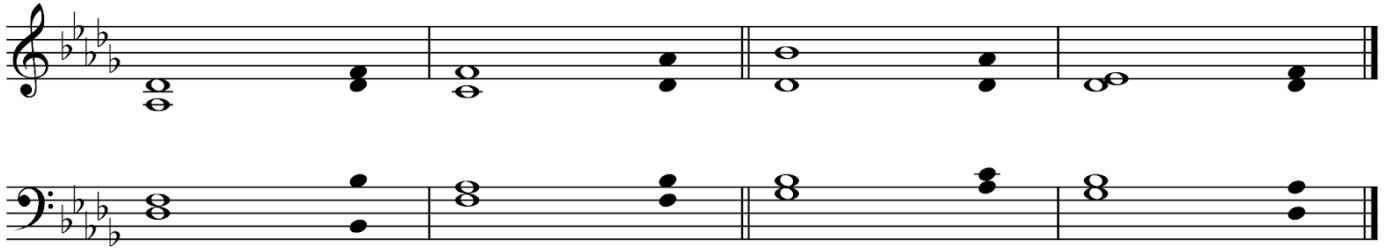
**(All)** *Psalm 46 Deus noster refugium*



- 1 God is our refuge and / strength, \*  
a very present help in / trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be / moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the / sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and / foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its / tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is / with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.



- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of / God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most / High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be over/thrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of / day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are / shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a/way.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is / with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.



- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the / LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on / earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the / world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, —  
and burns the shields with / fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am / God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the / earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is / with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



**Bev:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*according to Luke. (24:13-49)*

**(All)** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**Bev:** Now on that same day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with

them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

**Bill:** He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

**Meredith:** Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us,

because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

**Bill:** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Meredith:** While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

**Bev:** Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the

prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

***May the words of the Gospel be made flesh in us.***

***(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.***



*Silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes*

*in memory of George Floyd, Renee Good, Alex Pretti;  
for all who cry out for mercy, truth, justice, and peace;  
for light and healing in our lives and for the earth.*

*Let us pray for our nation and for the nations of the world:*

*for wisdom and peace among all people,  
for cooperation, understanding, compassion;  
for an end to hatred, injustice, war, and genocide.*



**Ann:** Let us share our own prayers and thanksgivings,  
and pray for the needs of the world.

**All are invited to voice your own prayers (unmuted).**

**Our response: “O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”**

**Meg ( 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:

May the hallowing of your name echo throughout the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by all the people of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

May your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the harm we cause one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and stress, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love,  
 now and forever. **Amen.**

*New Zealand Lord's Prayer, Jim Cotter*

**(All) Christe Jesu Lucem Cordium**

*Christ Jesus, Light of my heart, I praise you.*

Chris -te Je -su lu -men cor -di - um, lau -da -bo te. —

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

**(All) Da Pacem Domine**

Da pa - cem, Do - mi - ne, da pa - cem  
 Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - - bus no - stris.  
 peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

The musical notation consists of two staves, both in treble clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Harmony:*



1. Da pa - cem Do - mi - ne, da pa - cem  
2. Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your



O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - - stris.  
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**Amber:** He raises and delivers us from death,

And even now he shows us how to live

That we might savor life with every breath,

That we might taste and see, might truly thrive

Might see the good days that he wants for us

And make the best of all he has to give.

And so he comes to live as one of us

And teaches us afresh the ways of peace.

He lives the fullest life in front of us

And shows us how to break the bonds, release

The captive, seek the truth that sets us free

To choose the right and do it, to increase

The reach of love, the possibility

Of fruitful life together, and to hear

The poor cry out and help them speedily. **Amen.**

Psalm 34: XXXIV *Benedicam Domino. David's Crown ~ Malcolm Guite*

**(All) Keep in Mind**



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us



and is ris - en from the dead.



He is our ris - en Lord, he is joy for all a - ges.



In Christ all our sor - row, in Christ all our joy,  
in Christ, hope of glo - ry, in Christ all our love,  
in Christ our re - demp - tion, in Christ all our grace,

D.C.



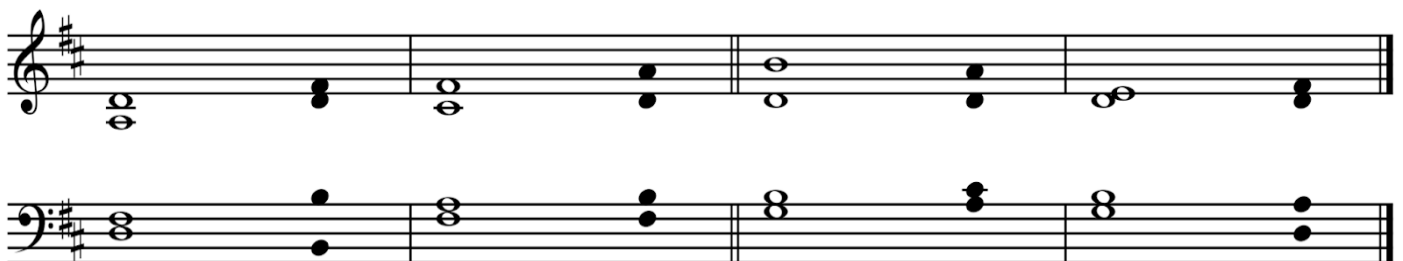
in Christ our sal - va - tion, in Christ all our peace.

Lucien Deiss, CSS (1921-2007), from 2 Timothy 2:8-12, *ad.* AMCY

**Bev:** Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,  
and to make you stand without blemish  
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,  
before all time and now and for ever. **Amen.** *Jude 1:24-25*

**(All) Benediction**

**Canticle 16, Benedictus: Luke 1:78-79**



9 In the tender compassion of our /God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break up/on us,  
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of /death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of /peace.

**2nd half:**

11 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy /Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A/men.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

**John:** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Katherine:** Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you,  
Deep peace of Christ to you. **Amen.**

*A Gaelic Blessing, John Rutter*

**Amber:** O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,  
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then, in your great mercy, grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

*Cardinal John Henry Newman*

**(All) Nunc Dimittis**

Suzanne Toolan

Now in peace, O God, let your ser - vant go.  
Al - le - lu - - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
For my eyes have seen your sal - va - - tion;  
Al - le - - lu - - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

**(All) Dismissal ~**

*And now, may God's deep blessing abide upon us,  
as we go forth in the peace of Christ,  
carrying Christ's light, love, and hope into the world.*

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*



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*Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!*

*We will meet again next month, Thursday, May 7, 2026.*

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We affirm that God encompasses all genders,  
even when our songs and readings refer to God in the masculine gender.

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