

April 25, 2024, The Fourth Week of Easter



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:** All you who are thirsty, come to the water!*

You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat!

*Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! **Amen.***

Isaiah 55:1

Ann: The Holy One is in our midst.

(All) O come, let us worship.

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

(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!"

(All) Laudate Omnes Gentes

Ostinato Chorale

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: num. Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! Lord. Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

(All)

The Hymnal 1982 - #502 O Holy Spirit, by whose breath



1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life ris - es
2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of burn - ing
3 In you God's en - er - gy is shown, to us your
4 Flood our dull sens - es with your light; in mu - tual
5 From in - ner strife grant us re - lease; turn na - tions
6 Praise to the Fa - ther, Christ, his Word, and to the



1 vi - brant out of death; come to cre - ate,
2 love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor in
3 var - ied gifts make known. Teach us to speak,
4 love our hearts u - nite. Your power the whole
5 to the ways of peace. To ful - ler life
6 Spi - rit: God the Lord, to whom all ho -



1 re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.
2 the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.
3 teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.
4 cre - a - tion fills; con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills.
5 your peo - ple bring that as one bo - dy we may sing;
6 nor, glo - ry be both now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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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

(All) Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in D major. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 2/4 and back to 4/4.

wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The time signature is 4/4.

Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The time signature is 4/4.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community

Meg: Your love is vaster than the sky, LORD,
and reaches beyond the stars.
Your justice is firmer than the mountains,
deeper than the ocean's depths.
You care for all earth's creatures;
infinitely precious is your love.
All your children come to you
and take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon your abundance;
they drink from the river of your joy.

For with you is the fountain of life,
in your light we see pure light.
Let all people know your will, LORD;
let the wicked walk on your path.
Then we will hear earth's harmony,
and your chorus will be complete. **Amen.**

Psalm 36, A Book of Psalms, Stephen Mitchell



Pause in silence

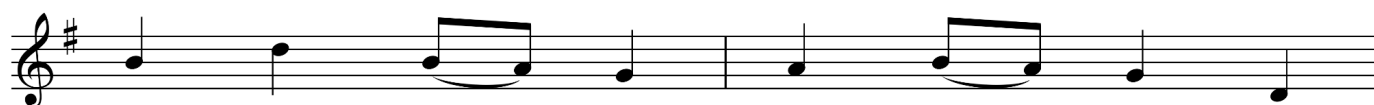
(All) *Crashing Waters at Creation*



1. Crash - ing wa - ters___ at cre - a - - tion
2. Part - ing wa - ter___ stood and trem - - bled
3. Cleans - ing wa - ter,___ nev - er end - - ing,
4. Liv - ing wa - ter,___ nev - er end - - ing,



or - - dered by the___ Spi - rit's breath,
as the cap - tives___ passed on through,
closed a - - round the___ One fore - told,
quench our thirst and___ flood our soul.



first to wit - - ness day's be - - gin - ning
wash - ing off___ the chains of___ bond - age,
o - pened to___ re - - veal the___ glo - ry
Well - spring, Source___ of life e - - ter - nal,



from the bright - - ness of night's death.
chan - nel to___ a life made new.
ev - - er new___ and ev - - er old.
drench our dry - - ness, make us whole.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), Music: *Restoration, The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Amber: *A Reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah (55)*

Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

Meg: I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

John: Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Amber: For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. **Amen.**

Hear what the Spirit is saying. All: Thanks be to God!

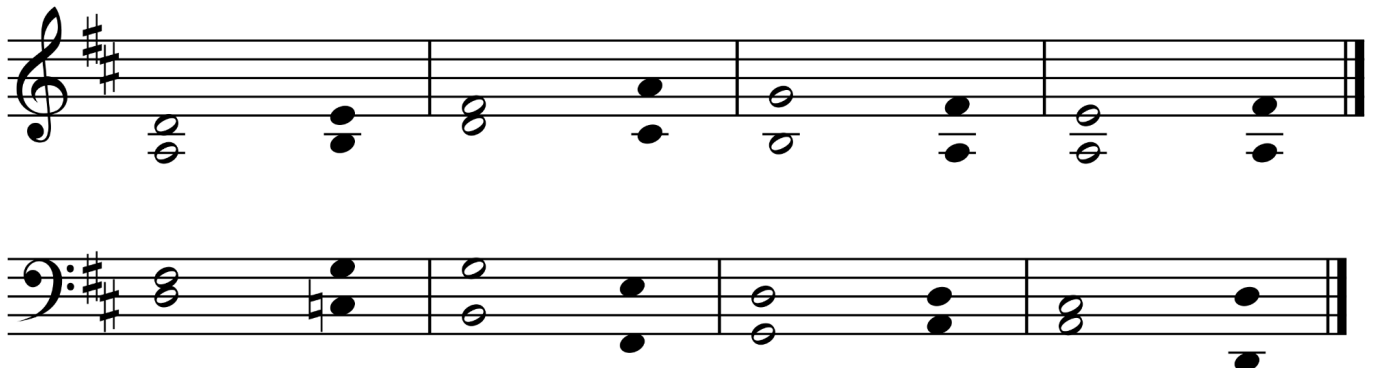


Pause in silence.

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*



- 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 a/way.
- 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.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



John: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to John. (15:1-8)

(All) Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John: Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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.”

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

(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.



*Time for silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes ~
in memory of George Floyd,
and all who cry out for mercy, justice, and peace;
for an end to war: for the people of Gaza, for the people of Ukraine,
for all who suffer in war, especially the children;
for healing in our lives, in the earth,
in our nation and the world.*



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.”

Amber (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.

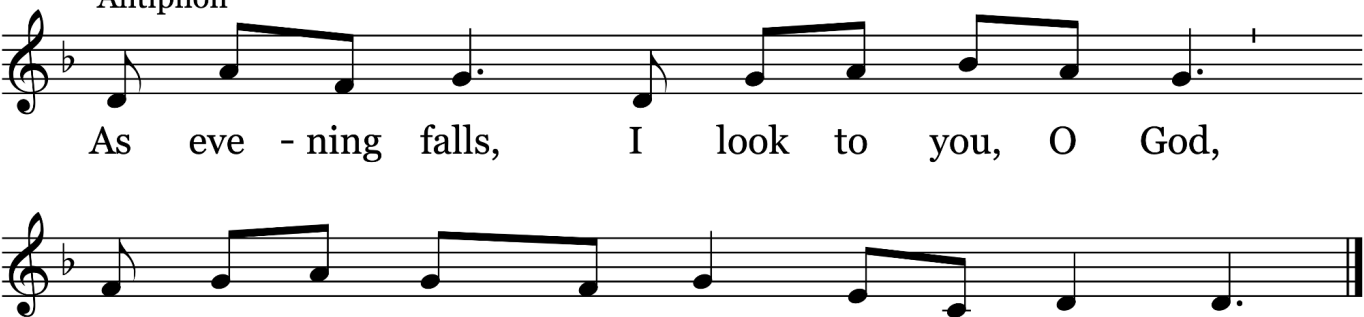
For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love,

now and forever. *Amen.*

New Zealand Lord's Prayer, Jim Cotter

(All) Psalm 63

Antiphon



As eve - ning falls, I look to you, O God,
to be my strength this night, al - le - lu - ia.



*O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thírsting; **
my body pines for you, like a dry, weary land /without wáter.

So I gaze upon you in the temple to see your strength and your glóry; *
for your love is better than life, my /lips will spéak your praise.

So will I bless you all my life, in your name will I lift úp my hands; *
my soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall /praise you wíth joy.

On my bed I reméber you, *
on you I muse through the night, for /you have béen my help.



In the shadow of your wings I rejoice; *
my soul clings to you, your /right hand hólds me fast.

Glory to the Father and tó the Son, *
and to the /Holy Spírit:
as it was in the beginning, is nów, *
and will be for /ever. Ámen.

Antiphon

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Psalm 63, Camaldolese Monks. OSB, alt. AMCY

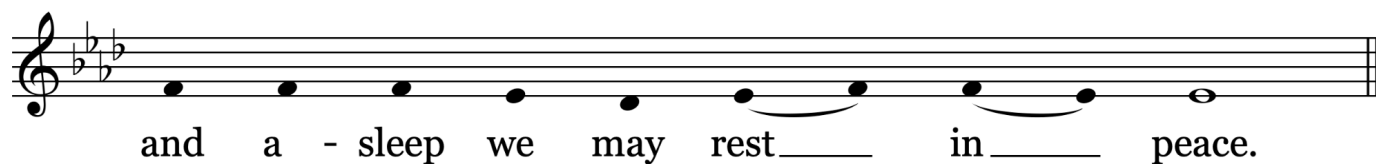
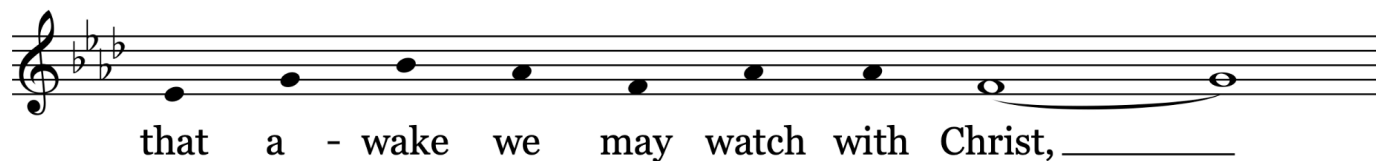
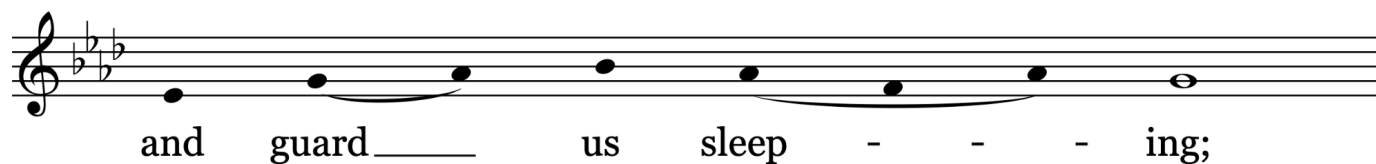
Ready to rest in him; and when he calls,
To rise with him and greet the day with praise,
That all this hallowed ground, the courts and halls

Which echoes with our evening prayer, may raise
A new song in the morning, that his name
May bless our nights and sanctify our days. **Amen.**

Psalm 134: CXXIV *Ecce Nunc, David's Crown*, Malcolm Guite

(All) *Guide Us Waking*

Traditional Compline chant



John: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **Amen.**

Meg: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. **Amen.** *Colossians 3:1, 12-17*

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!



Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!

We will not meet next week, May 2.

We will meet again on May 9.



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

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