

March 6, 2025 ~ The First Week of Lent



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

*Céad Mìle Fáilte! ~ Welcome!*

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



**Amber:** Lord Jesus, as you look upon us this evening,  
may the light of your countenance pass into the depth of our hearts,  
and bring to birth there a deep and trustful love. Hear us, O Lord,  
who reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Celtic Compline*

**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!"

**(All)**

The Hymnal 1982 - #32 Most Holy God, the Lord of heaven



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the  
2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its  
3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly  
4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the  
5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up  
2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your  
3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re -  
4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the  
5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of



1 from the east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:  
2 glo - rious power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.  
3 flect - ed glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.  
4 day and night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.  
5 blind - ing sin and guide us on our path to you.

Words: Latin; tr. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930) Copyright © 1982 Anne K. LeCroy. Music: *Immense caeli Conditor*; plainsong, Mode 1; ver. Schola Antiqua,

**(All)** *Bless the Lord*

Jacques Berthier, Taizé



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.

**Cantor:** *It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.*

*All your works are holy, for you are our God; you bring justice to the oppressed. From everlasting to everlasting, your love is for all who you create.*



*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)** *Hold Us in Your Mercy/Kyrie Eleison*

Cantor Response

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor Response

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. — Hold us in your mer - cy.

Chris - te e - le - i - son. Hold us in your mer - cy.

**Marty Haugen**

**Bev:** I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
I will glory in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.  
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt his Name together.

**Meredith:** I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.  
Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.  
I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles. **Amen.**

*Psalm 34:1-6*

**Bill:** “Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

**Meg:** Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;

his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

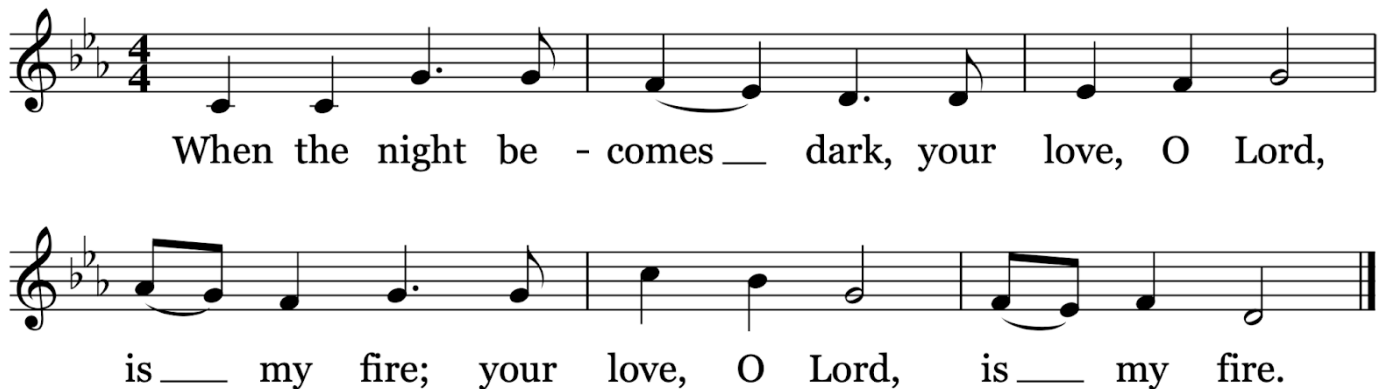
he will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth.” **Amen.** *Hosea 6:1-3*

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

**(All)** *When the night becomes dark*

*Jacques Berthier, Taizé*



When the night be - comes — dark, your love, O Lord,  
is — my fire; your love, O Lord, is — my fire.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Katherine:** Clothe us in the dress of your peace,

and the stronghold of your mercy,

that we might bear the power of Love.

Let us walk in shoes of integrity and don the mantle of truth.

Let us shed the tatters of envy and fear, the rags of anger and greed,

and say, “We shall seek only the Truth, which will set us free!”

**Bev:** O Holy One, let all that is unholy within us be cleansed,  
erased as chalk from a slate.

As fire consumes the forest, as the flame reaches up to the heavens,  
let the refining Fire of your Love  
reach into the hidden places within open hearts!

**Amber:** Forgive us and let the deep regret of our souls  
rise up as contrite offerings.

Let the people seek your Word,  
let the nations turn from violence and destruction.  
Let them know that You alone, You who reign with Love,  
are the Most High over all the earth! **Amen.**

*Psalms for Praying, Psalm 83, Nan C. Merrill*



*Pause for meditation.*

**(All)** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Jacques Berthier, Taizé

O, Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is primarily composed of chords and block chords, with some eighth notes. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

The second system continues the musical notation. It features a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody includes a chromatic movement in the bass line (F, E, D, C) and a sharp sign (F#) in the treble staff. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

The third system concludes the piece. It features a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

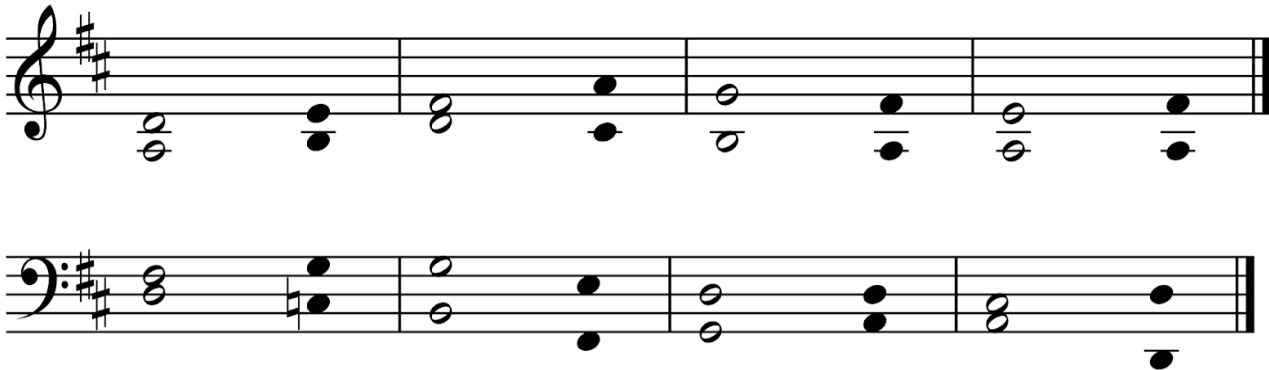


**(All) PSALM 46**

*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 "Be still, then, and know that I am /God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations; —  
I will be exalted in the /earth."
- 6 The LORD of hosts is /with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our /stronghold.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



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

*according to Matthew. (5:1-16)*

**All:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**Bill:** An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

**Meredith:** But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

**Meg:** But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which

of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

***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 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.”**

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**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,

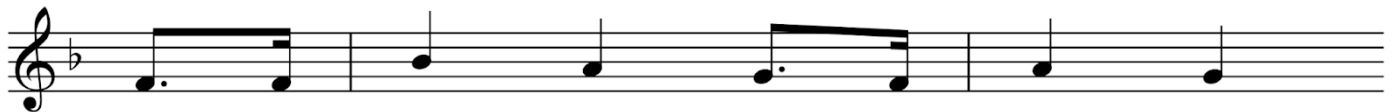
now and forever. *Amen.*

*New Zealand Lord's Prayer, Jim Cotter*

*(All) Christ Be with Me*



Christ be with me, Christ with - in me,  
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me,



Christ be - hind me. Christ be - fore me,  
Christ in qui - et. Christ in dan - ger,



Christ be - - side me, Christ to win me,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,



Christ to com - fort and re - store me.  
Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

Words: Att: St. Patrick (372-466), tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)  
Music: *Deirdre*, Irish melody, harm Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

***Katherine:*** Until salvation dawns, and Christ appears,  
Until this tyranny be over-past,  
Your wings will cover us and calm our fears.  
So fix our hearts upon the joys that last,  
That even though we walk amidst the fire,  
Where threats and taunts and curses are still cast  
To drag us down, instead we will rise higher  
In your great mercy, lifted into heaven,  
The mountain country of the heart's desire,  
The country where our sins are all forgiven.  
And there we'll sing and praise you every morning.  
Though darkness still dwells here, the clouds are riven  
By lightning strikes of grace. Though here I'm mourning,  
Already in your kingdom my heart dances,  
And even here I'll sing, for day is dawning. ***Amen.***

*Psalm 57: LVII Miserere mei, Deus, David's Crown, Malcolm Guite*

**(All)** *Now Let Us All with One Accord*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

**John:** Lord God, ever faithful,  
see us gathered before you as the day draws to a close;  
confirm our hearts in your love,  
and keep alive in us the joy of your goodness and kindness,  
which come to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Celtic Primer, alt.*

**(All)** *Mane Nobiscum*

Jacques Berthier, Taizé



Ma - ne no - bis - cum, Do - mi - ne Je - su Chris - te.

*Stay with us, Lord, Jesus Christ.*

**Bev:** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us *all, everywhere*, from the perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Book of Common Prayer*

**Meredith:** 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. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Bill:** 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 3:12-17*



**(All)** *Grant Us Your Peace*




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.

**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.

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé COmmunity

**(All) Nunc Dimittis**

Lisa Stafford



Pro-*te*ct us, Lord, as we stay a - wake; — watch o - ver  
us as — we — sleep, that while a - wake, we may keep watch with  
Christ, — and while a - sleep, rest — in his peace.

**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) 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! Amen!*



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*Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!*

*We'll meet again next month, Thursday, **April 3**, 2025.*



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

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