

**May 7, 2026, Eastertide**



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

***Céad Mìle Fáilte! ~ 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:*** *Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen. Book of Common Prayer*

**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



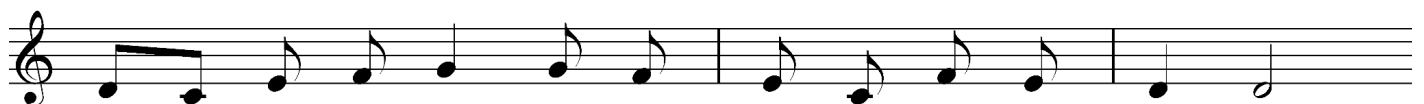
Fa - ther in heaven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and



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) Laudate Omnes Gentes**

### Ostinato Chorale



Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes,      lau - da - te Do - mi -  
*Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples,      sing prais - es to the*



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)



### *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)** O Holy Spirit by whose breath



1. O Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_\_ by whose \_\_\_\_\_ breath
2. You are the \_\_\_\_\_ seek - er's \_\_\_\_\_ sure re - - source,
3. In you God's \_\_\_\_\_ en - er - - gy is \_\_\_\_\_ shown,



1. life ris - es vi - brant \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ death;
2. of burn - ing love the \_\_\_\_\_ liv - - ing \_\_\_\_\_ source,
3. to us your var - ied \_\_\_\_\_ gifts \_\_\_\_\_ make \_\_\_\_\_ known.



1. come to \_\_\_\_\_ cre - ate, \_\_\_\_\_ re - - new, in - spire;
2. pro - tec - - tor \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ midst of strife,
3. Teach us \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ speak, \_\_\_\_\_ teach \_\_\_\_\_ us to hear:



1. come, \_\_\_\_\_ kin - - dle in \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts your fire.
2. the \_\_\_\_\_ giv - - er and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord of life.
3. yours \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ the tongue \_\_\_\_\_ and yours the ear.

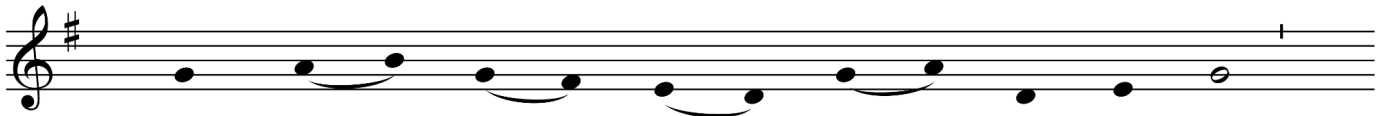
*Continue after verse 3 →*



4. Flood our dull \_\_\_ sens - es \_\_\_ with your \_\_\_ light;  
5. From in - ner \_\_\_ strife grant \_\_\_ us re - - lease;  
6. Praise to the \_\_\_ Fa - ther, \_\_\_ Christ. his \_\_\_ Word,



4. in mu - tual love our \_\_\_ hearts \_\_\_ u - - nite,  
5. turn na - tions to the \_\_\_ ways \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ peace.  
6. and to the Spi - rit: \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Lord,



4. Your power \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ whole \_\_\_ cre - - a - tion fills;  
5. To ful - - ler \_\_\_ life \_\_\_ your \_\_\_ peo - ple bring  
6. to whom \_\_\_ all \_\_\_ ho - - nor, \_\_\_ glo - ry be



4. con - firm \_\_\_ our weak, \_\_\_ un - cer - tain wills.  
5. that \_\_\_ as \_\_\_ one bo - - dy we may sing:  
6. both \_\_\_ now \_\_\_ and for \_\_\_ e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Att. Rabanus Maurus (776-856) tr. John Webster Grant (. 1919), para. *Veni Creator Spiritus*  
MusicL *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Reprint permission: RiteSong

***Katherine:*** 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*

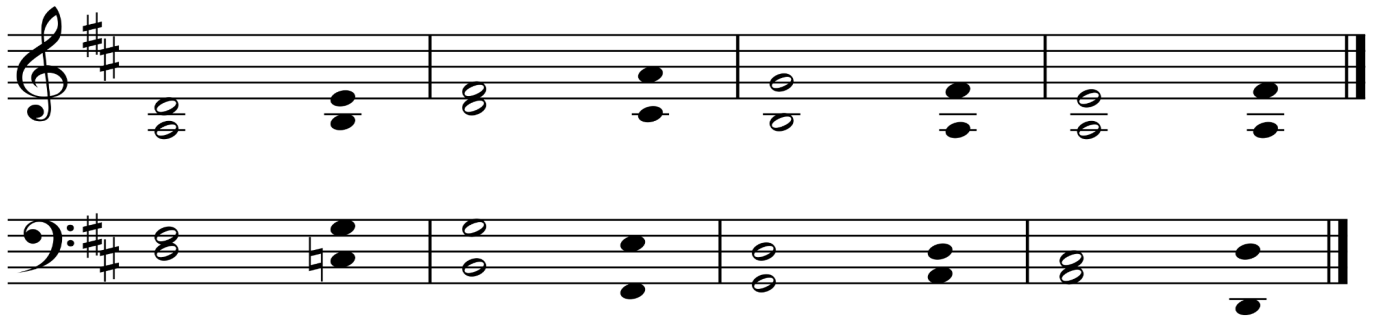


*Pause in silence.*

**(All) Psalm 36:5-10** *Dixit injustus*



- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the / heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the / clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, —  
your justice like the great / deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O / LORD.



- 7 How priceless is your love, O / God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your / wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your / house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your de/lights.
- 9 For with you is the well of / life, \*  
and in your light we see / light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who / know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of / heart.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



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

*according to John. (14:1-14)*

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

**Bill:** Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

**Meredith:** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

**Bill:** Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.”

**Meredith:** “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

***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, and 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) Mane nobiscum**

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

The musical notation is a single staff in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight measures. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The second measure contains a dotted quarter note Bb4 and an eighth note A4. The third measure has a quarter note G4. The fourth measure has a quarter note F4. The fifth measure has a quarter note E4. The sixth measure has a quarter note D4. The seventh measure has a quarter note C4. The eighth measure has a quarter note B3. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community*

**(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 in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat and a time signature of 4/4. The melody in the top staff starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The second measure contains a dotted quarter note Bb4 and an eighth note A4. The third measure has a quarter note G4. The fourth measure has a quarter note F4. The fifth measure has a quarter note E4. The sixth measure has a quarter note D4. The seventh measure has a quarter note C4. The eighth measure has a quarter note B3. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bottom staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment, starting on a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The second measure contains a dotted quarter note Bb3 and an eighth note A3. The third measure has a quarter note G3. The fourth measure has a quarter note F3. The fifth measure has a quarter note E3. The sixth measure has a quarter note D3. The seventh measure has a quarter note C3. The eighth measure has a quarter note B2. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community*

**Amber:** The crown still blossoms round his sacred head

And he would also wreath us altogether  
Gathered in him. Though we have all been led

By many different paths, at last we gather  
And find that all our paths have led to him,  
Whether his beauty drew us here, or whether

It was companionship in grief. The hem  
Of his good garment spreads that everyone  
May touch it at some moment, as for them

His power of healing flows. And then the Son  
Calls them to turn and meet him face to face,  
Feel after him and find him, and to join

With all the others who have felt his grace.  
It is indeed a good and joyful thing  
To gather in one love and in one place. **Amén.**

*Psalm 133: CXXXIII Ecce, quam bonum, David's Crown, Malcolm Guite*

**Bev:** To gather in one love and in one place,  
To lift our hands up in the sanctuary,  
Singing by candlelight and face to face,  
  
Bathing our souls in love's own liturgy,  
Praising the God who made both earth and heaven,  
Sensing his presence and his mystery,  
  
To give him thanks for all that we are given,  
Is both a joy and a blessing. Evening falls;  
We end the day redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven,  
  
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*

Guide us wak - - ing, O Lord,  
and guard us sleep - - - ing;  
that a - wake we may watch with Christ,  
and a - sleep we may rest in peace.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The notes are mostly quarter and half notes, with some longer notes for emphasis. The lyrics are: 'Guide us wak - - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - - - ing; that a - wake we may watch with Christ, and a - sleep we may rest in peace.'

*Traditional Compline chant*

**John:** 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,

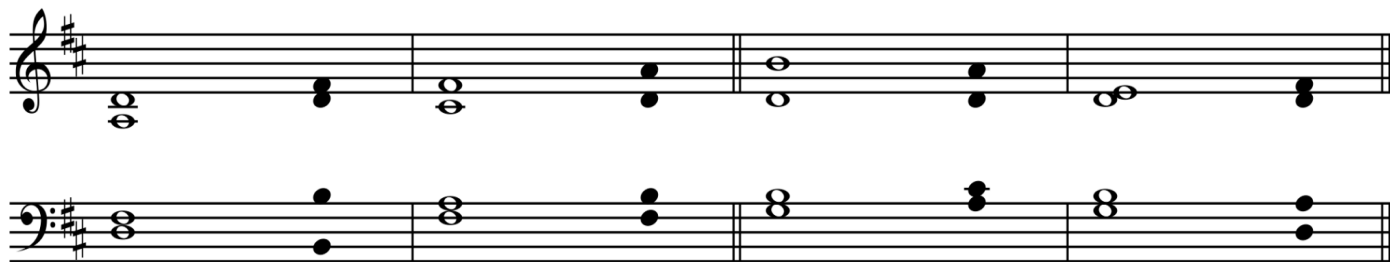
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,

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

**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, June 4, 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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