

September 4, 2025

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



Céad Mìle Fàilte! Welcome!

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



***Amber:** Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing of all people.
Creator, open our hearts to protect and provide for all children of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.
Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day. **Amen.** *Mi'Kmaq Prayer**

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) *O Gracious Light ~ Phos hilaron*

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

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

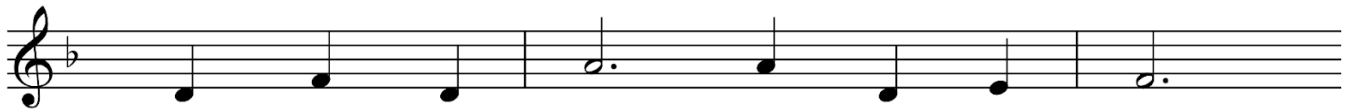
sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your

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

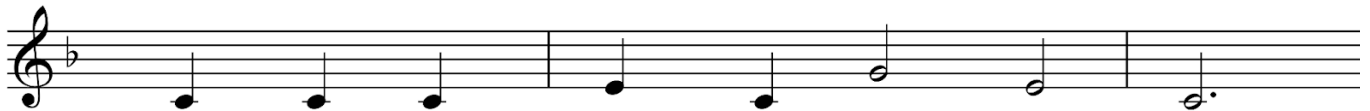
The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff introduces a second verse, marked with a '2.'. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the piece with the words 'prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.'.

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

(All) *Jesus, Redeemer of the World*



1. Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the world,
2. The whole cre - a - - tion's ar - chi - tect,
3. Lord, while we live for this short time
4. All glo - ry be to you, Lord Christ,



1. Word of the Fa - ther throned on high,
2. you set the bounds of night and day;
3. as mor - tals clothed in earth - bound frame,
4. who, con - quering death, reign glo - rious - ly



1. light from the light in - vi - si - ble,
2. give to our wea - ried bo - dies rest
3. re - fresh us now with rest - ful sleep,
4. with God, Cre - a - tor of all things,



1. and watch - ful guar - dian o - - ver all.
2. in night's en - fold - ing qui - et - - ness.
3. that wak - ing we may watch with you.
4. and with the Spi - rit, Com - for - - ter.

Words: from Latin, 10th century.
Music: *Wilderness*, Reginald S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

Bev: Lord Jesus, our Shepherd,
at this hour when you draw us together,
and give us a time of rest,
teach us to leave everything aside
so that we may gaze on you, know you
and love you with all our hearts,
you who live with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Celtic Primer



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.**

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(All) *O Beauty Ever Ancient*

1. O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2. O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3. O beau - ty of the Spi - rit, where love is shin - ing through,

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship, my be - ing sings to you!
in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship, my be - ing sings to you!
in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship, my be - ing sings to you!

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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Tune adapted from *Adoro devote*, AMCY

Katherine: Unnamable God, I feel you
with me at every moment.
You are my food, my drink,
my sunlight, and the air I breathe.
You are the ground I have built on
and the beauty that rejoices my heart.
I give thanks to you at all times
for lifting me from my confusion,
for teaching me in the dark
and showing me the path of life.
I have come to the center of the universe;
I rest in your perfect love.
In your presence there is fullness of joy
and blessedness for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Psalm 16, A Book of Psalms, Stephen Mitchell



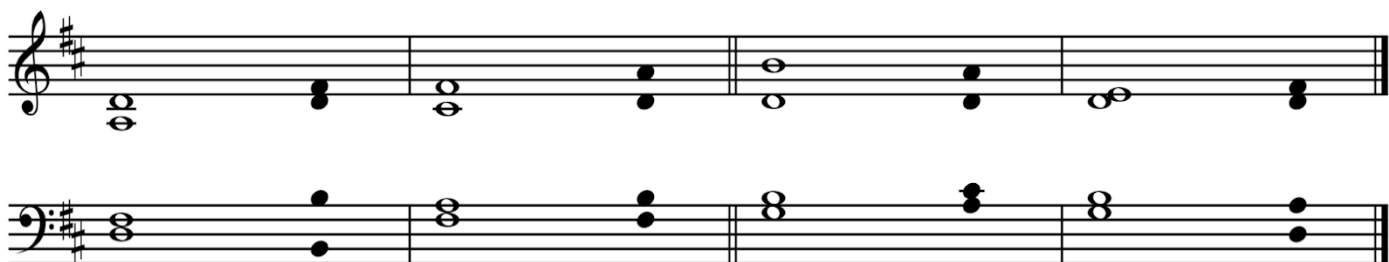
Pause in silence.

(All) PSALM 85:7-11, 13 *Benedixisti, Domine*



7 Show us your mercy, O /LORD, *
and grant us your sal/vation.

8 I will listen, O LORD God, to what you are /saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people —
and to those who turn their /hearts to you.



9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who re/vere you, *
that your glory may dwell in our /land.

10 Mercy and truth have met to/gether; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each /other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the /earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from /heaven.

13 Righteousness shall go be/fore you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your /feet.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

Meg: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
The LORD will not let your foot be moved
and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel shall neither
slumber nor sleep.

It is the LORD who watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
the LORD shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **Amen.** *Psalms 121*

(All) *Put your trust in God*

Taizé Community

Put your trust in God, and do not fear.

God's peace will dwell deep with - in your hearts.

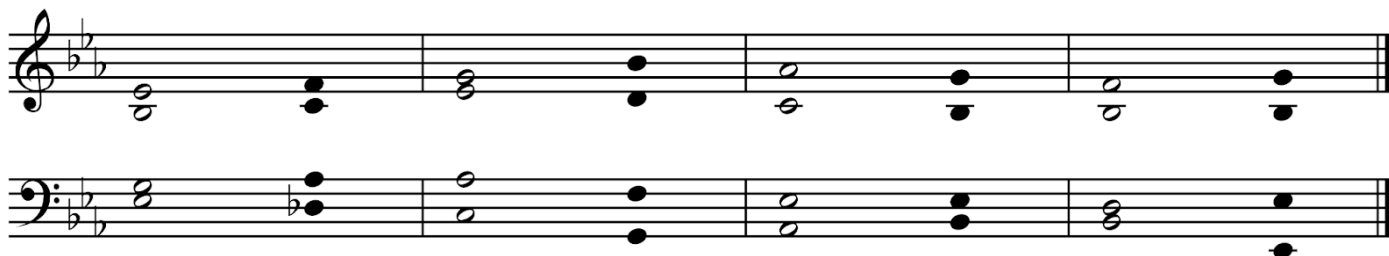
Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(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.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



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

according to Matthew. (Matthew 8:18, 23-27)

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

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side.

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

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, 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.

Ann: Now let us pray together:

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!

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. **Amén.**

New Zealand Lord's Prayer, paraphrase by Jim Cotter

(All) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "O, Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with a Treble staff on top and a Bass staff on the bottom. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

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

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

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

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé Community

Meredith: Clothe us in the dress of your peace,
and the stronghold of your mercy,
that we might bear the power of Love.

Bill: 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!”

Meredith: 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!

Bill: 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

(All) *Mane Nobiscum (Stay with us, LORD Jesus Christ.)*



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

Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Katherine: Guide us waking, O LORD, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace. **Amen.**



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

Amber: Keep us safe, O LORD, in the darkness of this night,
for the eternal kingdom,
where there is flaming radiance forever. **Amen.**



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

Meg: They shall see God's face,
and God's name shall be on their foreheads.
And night shall be no more;
they shall not need the light of the lamp nor the light of the sun,
because the LORD God shall enlighten them,
and they shall reign for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Rev. 22:4-5*



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

Bev: I lie down this night with God, and God will lie down with me.
I lie down this night with Christ, and Christ will lie down with me.

I lie down this night with the Spirit, and the Spirit will lie down with me.
 God and Christ and the Spirit be lying down with me. **Amen.**

Celtic Primer



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

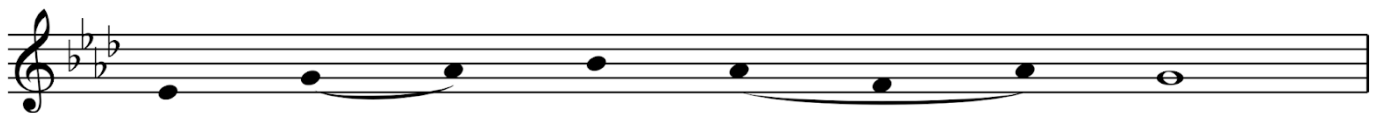
John: Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. **Amen.**

Jude 24-25

(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.

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*

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!

Suzanne Toolan

(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 meet again next month on **Thursday, October 2.***



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