

**March 6, 2025, the Fifth Week in Lent**



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

***Céad Mìle Fàilte! ~ 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)** *Old Celtic Invocation*

In the Name of the Fath - er, Al - might - y,  
the Name of the Son, our Re - deem - ing Lord,  
the Name of the Ho - - ly Spi - rit of Power, —  
God, ev - - er One, \_\_\_\_\_ walk with me.

**(All)** Laudate Omnes Gentes

Jacques Berthier, Taizé

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!



*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.***

***Katherine:*** 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

**(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.*

**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.

**Meredith:** 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*

**Amber:** And Eden’s rivers here on earth are flowing,  
Invisibly they rise within our hearts,  
Springs in the wilderness to keep us going,  
Balm on our bruises, healing of our hurts.

**Meg:** We lie amongst the broken shards, and yet  
You have not left us comfortless: our hearts  
Are stirred to life, and over us you set  
Your spirit like a dove with silver wings  
And golden feathers. All her stirrings let  
In the light of heaven.

**Katherine:** When she sings our spirits lift and blossom in her song  
 And praise the mighty JAH who made all things.  
 Grace of the graceful, true strength of the strong,  
 The captor of captivity, his day  
 Is coming, and the time will not be long. **Amen.**

Psalm 68: LXVIII *Exurgat Deus, David's Crown* ~ Malcolm Guite

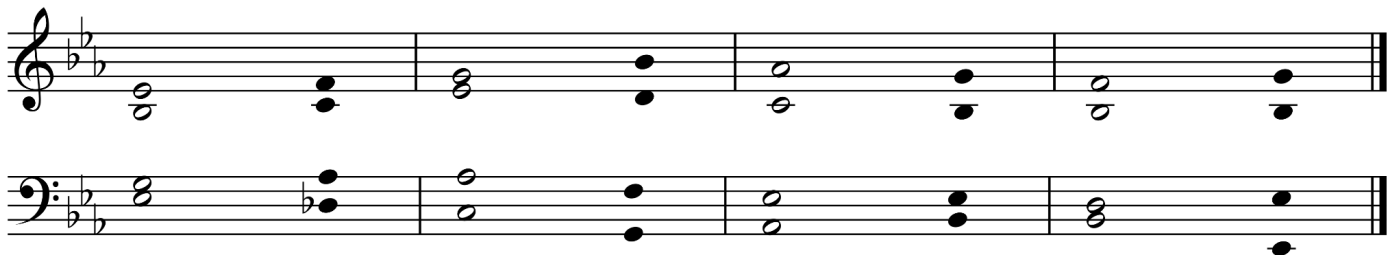


*Pause in silence.*

**(All)** PSALM 42 *Quemadmodum*, 43 *Judica me, Deus*

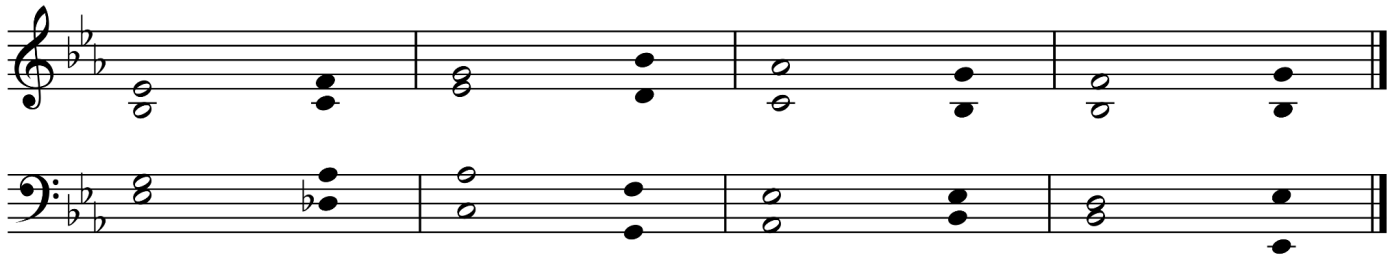


- 1 As the deer longs for the /water-brooks, \*  
 so longs my soul for you, O /God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the /living God; \*  
 when shall I come to appear before the presence of /God?



- 3 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 4 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him, —  
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Continue* →



- 5 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the /daytime; \*  
 in the night season the song of the LORD is with me, —  
 a prayer to the God of my /life.
- 6 Put your trust in /God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to the One —  
 who is the help of my countenance, and my /God.
- 7 Send out your light and your truth, that they may /lead me, \*  
 and bring me to your holy hill and to your /dwelling;
- 8 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and /gladness; \*  
 and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God, my /God.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

**(All)** *Adoramus te Christe*

Canon Refrain



Marty Haugen





**John:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

**John:** It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. *John 13:1-4*

**Katherine:** When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. *John 13:12-17*

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” *John 13:34-35*

***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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***Meg (All):*** Eternal Spirit,

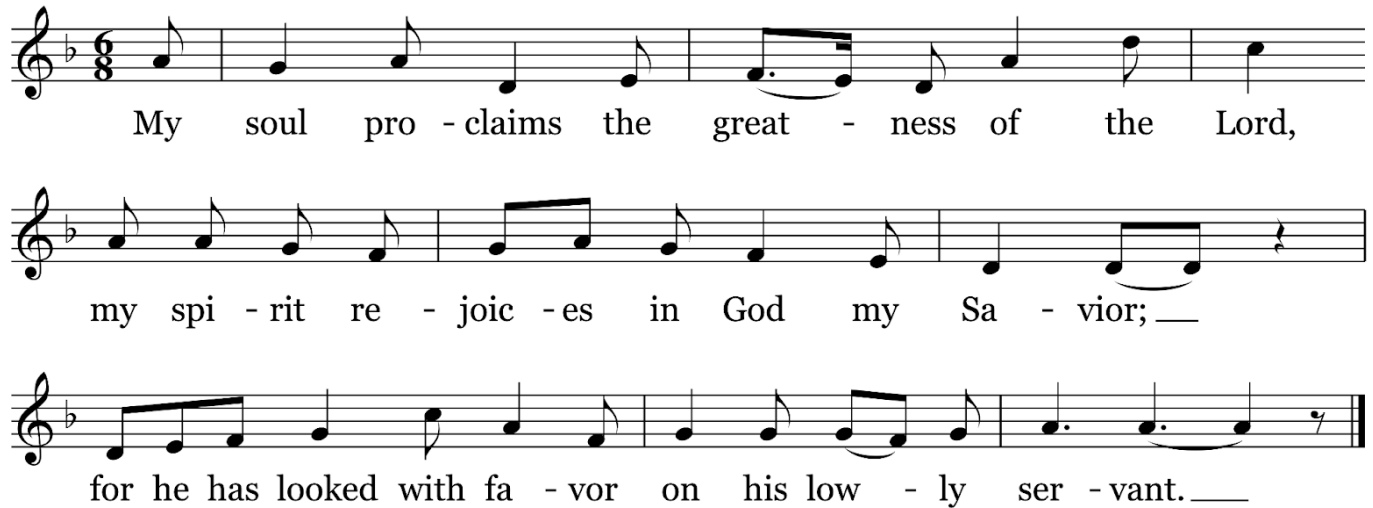
Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God in whom is heaven:

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*

*Antiphon (All)*

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary ~ Magnificat



My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord,  
my spi - rit re - joic - es in God my Sa - vior; —  
for he has looked with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant. —

**Cantor Verses:**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. **Antiphon**

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. **Antiphon**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. **Antiphon**

Glory be 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. Amen. **Antiphon**

*The Song of Mary, setting: Cathedral of the Isles, Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928)*

**Amber:** 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. **Amén.**

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

**(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). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note chord of G4-Bb4, and then a half note chord of G4-Bb4. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G3, followed by a half note chord of G3-Bb3, and then a half note chord of G3-Bb3.

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

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, and a half note chord of G4-Bb4. The accompaniment follows a similar pattern with a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb3, a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb3, a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb4, and a half note chord of G3-Bb4.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line features a half note chord of G4-Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note chord of G4-Bb4, and a final half note chord of G4-Bb4. The accompaniment mirrors this structure with a half note chord of G3-Bb3, a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb3, a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb4, a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb4, a quarter note G3, a half note chord of G3-Bb4, and a final half note chord of G3-Bb4.

**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)** *Grant Us Your Peace*

Melody



Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your  
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

The melody is written on a single staff in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your' and the second line contains 'peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

Harmony



Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your  
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

The harmony is written on a single staff in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your' and the second line contains 'peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.' The harmony is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

**Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé Community**

**Bill:** 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.

**Meredith:** 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)** *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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a semicolon, and the fourth with a double bar line.

**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!*



*Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!*

*\* We will meet on the second Thursday next month, May 8.*

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*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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