

January 25, 2024, The Season of Epiphany



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.



Meg: *You are my hope, O LORD God, my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you. **Amen.** *Psalm 71:5-6**

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 - #35 Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars _____ in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now _____ and for ev - er.

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Bev: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

Katherine: For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.

Bev: My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

Katherine: For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **Amen.**

Psalm 63:1-8

(All)

The Hymnal 1982 - #664 My Shepherd will supply my need



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. _____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. _____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise. _____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. _____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. _____
or a guest, but like a child at home. _____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright ©1985, David Hurd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Katherine: For love lifts time into eternity,
Kisses each passing moment into life,
Gives us a glimpse of your unfading glory.
We fall away like every falling leaf
But even as we fall we yearn to you.
Our prayers are passing and our blessings brief,
Yet each one reaches deeply into you
For you yourself are reaching into us
To breathe your life in us and make us new:
The barren wasteland is made glorious
With blossoms, breathing an eternal spring
And even as this first world fades from us,
We step into the true world and we sing
A joyful song, for there at last we see
Our heart's desire: our risen Lord and King. ***Amen.***

Psalm 63: LXIII Deus, Deus meus, David's Crown, Malcolm Guite



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) 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

Meg: As pilgrim souls on whom your light has shone
Let us leave judgment to your tender mercy
And turn instead to you, keep pressing on
Towards the steadfast heights, the mountain country
Of your holy presence. Let us drink
From that swift river, our true ecstasy.
Refresh us Christ, and bring us to the brink
Of that deep well where life itself is light
And goodness, more than we can dream or think,
Flows from your plenteousness, from your delight

In all your works, and where your loving kindness
Shines through our day and comforts us at night,
Like soft wings safely overarching us,
That we might put our utter trust in you
And fret no more for passing wickedness. ***Amen.***

Psalm 36: XXXVI Dixit injustus, David's Crown, Malcolm Guite



Pause for meditation.

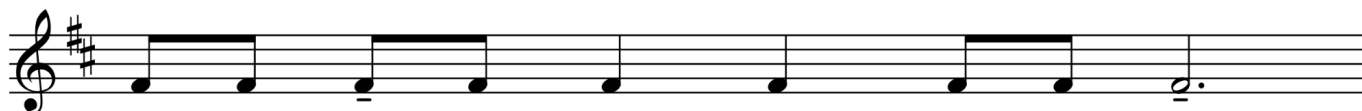
(All) Let Me Hear Your Loving Kindness

Psalm 143:8

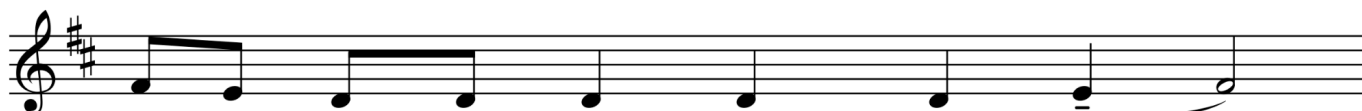
First part twice



Let me hear your loving kindness in the morn - ing,



Let me feel your loving kindness in the night.



Let me know your loving kindness every hour, _____



D.C.

Let it flow from me in - to the world.



For I trust in you; show me the road that I must walk.



For I trust in you; I lift up my soul to you.

Setting by Ann McChesney-Young



Katherine: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark. (4:21-32)
(All) Glory to you, Lord Christ

Katherine: He said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket or under the bed and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. If you have ears to hear, then hear!” And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and it will be added to you. For to those who have, more will be given, and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

Meg: He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.”

Bev: He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

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

(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(All) Be Still and Know

Barbara Bridge

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I

am. Be still and know. Be still. Be. Be.

As desired Final



*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, in this new year.*



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.”

John (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.**

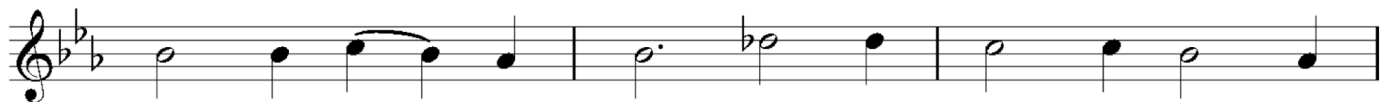
New Zealand Lord's Prayer, Jim Cotter

(All)

The Hymnal 1982 - #487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

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(All) Ad te, Jesu Christe

Taizé Community

Ad te Je - su Chri - ste le - va - vi a - ni-mam
I lift up my soul to you, Christ Je - sus, my re -

me - am. Sal - va - tor mun - di, in te spe - ra - vi.
deem - er. All earth's sal - va - tion, my hope is in you.

Meredith: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

Bev: How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Ketherine: For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

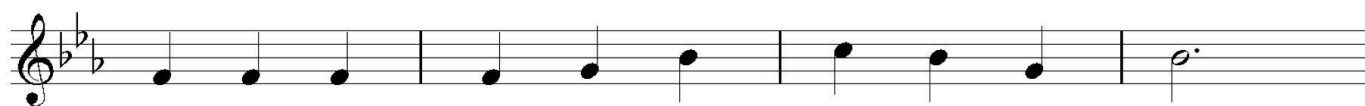
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart. **Amen.** *Psalm 36:5-10*

(All)

The Hymnal 1982 - #488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

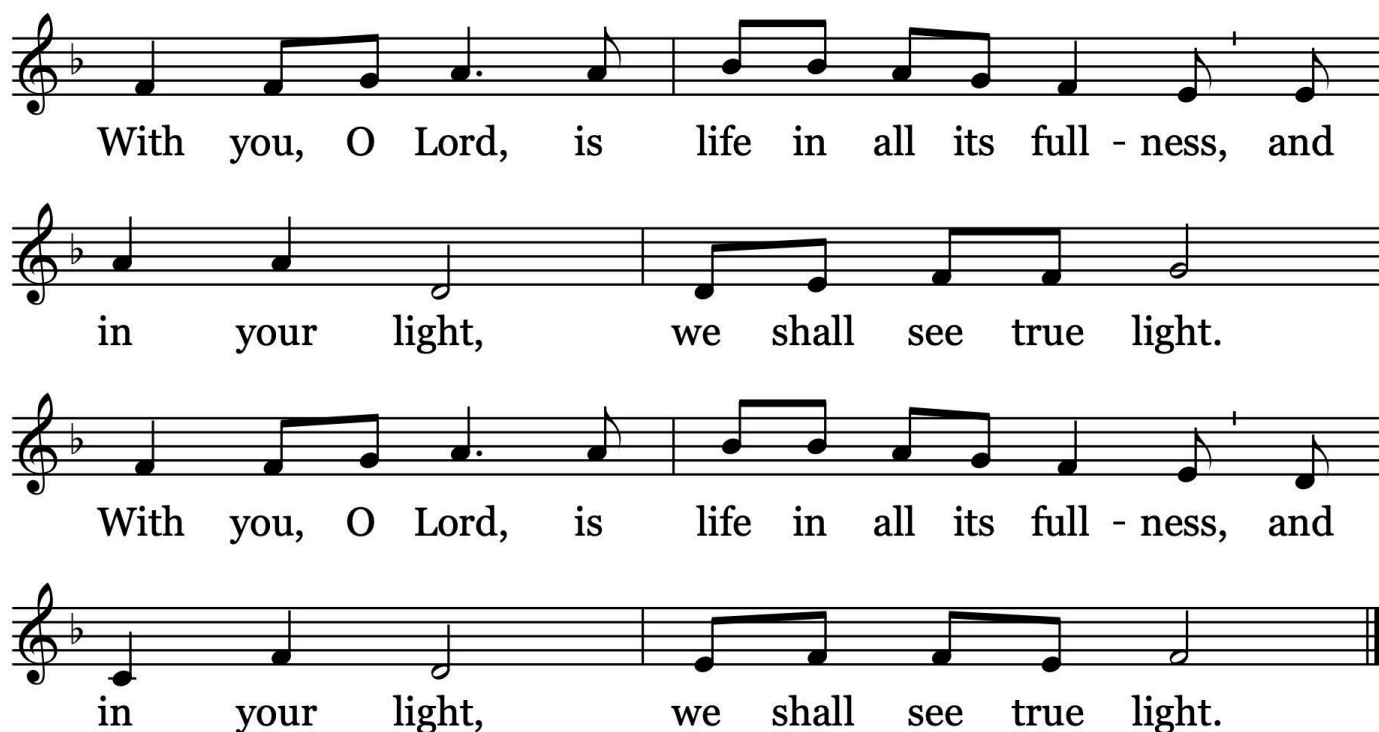
Words: Irish, 6th C., verse by Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); Music: *Slane*, Irish melody

Katherine: 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) With You, O Lord

Jacques Berthier, Taizé



With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and
in your light, we shall see true light.

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and
in your light, we shall see true light.

Meg: “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these

two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” **Amen.**

Matthew 22:36-40

Bev: 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 3:15-17

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

(All) Ubi Caritas

Jacques Berthier, Taizé

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Katherine: 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 Thursday, February 1, but will **resume on Feb. 8.***

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