



## Maundy Thursday Taizé Service Thursday April 14, 2022

On this Holy Thursday evening we remember the Last Supper of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through song, scripture, prayer, silence, and Holy Communion.

Tonight's worship songs are from Taizé, an ecumenical community in France founded in the Reformed tradition. The songs are short and meditative in nature. They will be repeated three times (3x) each.

In remembering Christ's death and resurrection, we invite you to come close to the cross. **Candles have been lit by way of remembering our Lord's sacrifice and steadfast love for us.** Through silence, we quiet our minds and open our hearts to the still small voice of God.

*Words of Welcome*

*Gathering Song*

Songs: "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful"

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 69. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system contains the lyrics: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-". The second system contains the lyrics: "fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the". The score includes various chords such as Dm, C, F, Bb, Am, and Dm, and features a 'fine' marking at the end of the second system.

### ***The Call to Worship***

- L: This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.
- P: **This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**
- L: This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,
- P: **giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.**
- L: This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.
- P: **Let us worship God.**

### ***Song***

“Laudate Omnes Gentes” Praise the Lord all you nations.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Laudate Omnes Gentes". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -  
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*Translation: Sing praises all you peoples  
Sing praises to the Lord.  
Sing praises all you peoples  
Sing praises to the Lord.*

***Prayer of Confession (Unison):***

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we are not fully bound to you. In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

**Song**        *O Lord, hear my prayer* (BoP #446)

***Assurance of Pardon***

L:     Friends in Christ, hear and  
       believe the good news!  
       “If we confess our sins,  
       God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins  
       and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” We  
       may trust the mercy of God:  
       in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven

**P:     Thanks be to God.**

***The Peace***

L:     The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P:     And also with you**

***Prayer for Illumination:***

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit that we may hear your living Word as the Scriptures are read and interpreted. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**A New Covenant**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will

write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Silent meditation

Luke 22:7-20

**The Preparation of the Passover**

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus<sup>(a)</sup> sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' <sup>9</sup> They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' <sup>10</sup> 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' <sup>13</sup> So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

**The Institution of the Lord's Supper**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it<sup>(b)</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'

L: The Gospel of Christ

P: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

Silent meditation

**Song** *Live in Charity* (BoP #501)

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

In love with you and in compassion for all,

Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved.

He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered,

and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world.  
Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death,  
so the world might be set free from suffering and sin.  
You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him.  
In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.  
Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us  
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.  
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.  
Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**  
Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and this cup that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to you.

In your mercy, accept our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving.

Fill us with the joy of eternal life,  
That we may be your faithful people  
Until we feast with you in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,  
for ever and ever.

And now, as our Lord taught us we pray  
together:

**Our Father...**

***The Breaking of Bread***

This is His body broken for you. Take, Eat. **Thanks be to God.**

***The Communion***

This is the cup of salvation. Drink ye all of it.

**Song**            *Eat this Bread (BoP #527)*  
                      *Nothing can trouble (BoP #617)*

***Prayer after Communion (unison):***

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Charge and Benediction:***

Go out in the world in peace; be of  
good courage; hold fast to that which is  
good; return to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the faint hearted; support  
the weak; help the afflicted; honour all  
people; love and serve the Lord;  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

**Song**     *Jesus, Remember me* (BoP #206)     **(please remain seated)**

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*Welcome*

We welcome everyone here this evening. We hope that you feel  
comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and  
inspired in your personal life.

**Because of the Covid pandemic, we encourage you to wear your masks at all times.  
Singing is permitted in a speaking volume.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

**Communion Set-up** - Carolyn Adamson

**Song Leader** - Deborah Kerner

**Readers** - Janet Gargano, Sheila Gault

**Pianist** - Judy Chen

**Officiant** - Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

**Thank you, also to Garth Low for putting this service together.**

Please join us tomorrow  
for our Good Friday service at 10:00 a.m.  
**REFLECTIONS ON THE CRUCIFIXION**  
**Considering the "I AM" sayings of Jesus**  
(A set of Dramatic Monologues for Good Friday)  
*and*  
***Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m.***  
A Celebration of the Resurrection!  
Worship and Communion