

September 16, 2021 ~ Creationtide



St. Columba's Evensong Candle Light Evening Prayer Circle

Cued 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: *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. **Amen.** *Psalm 25**

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) *Light of the World: Phos Hilaron*

Light of the world, in grace — and beau - ty,
Now, as we see the lights — of eve - ning,
mir - ror of God's e - - ter - - nal face,
we raise our voice in hymns of praise;
trans - par - ent flame of love's free du - ty,
wor - thy are you of end - less bless - ing,
we find sal - - va - - tion in your grace.
sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Enriching Our Music, George Emblom, Paul Gibson

All: *Creator of the Earth and Skies*



Cre - - a - - tor of the earth and skies,
For _____ this, our fool - - ish con - - fi - - dence,
Teach _____ us to know and love you, Lord,
Cre - - a - - tor of the earth and skies,



to _____ whom the words of life be - - long,
our _____ pride of know - ledge and our sin,
and _____ hum - bly fol - - low in your way.
to _____ whom the words of life be - - long,



grant us your truth to make us wise;
we come to you in pen - - i - - tence;
Speak to our souls the quick - ening word,
grant us your truth to make us wise;



grant _____ us your power to _____ make us strong.
in _____ us the work of _____ grace be - - gin.
and _____ turn our dark - ness _____ in - - to day.
grant _____ us your power to _____ make us strong.

Words: Donald W. Hughes, Music: Immense caeli Conditor, plainsong, circa 11th cent.

Meg: And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light

upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. *Amen.*

Genesis 1:14-19

Susan: The firmament, the vast curve of the sky
the breath and weave of every element
unending blue, wherein we long to fly,
the firmament.

Your Love has pitched the heavens like a tent
and delved the depth where hidden treasures lie,
from whose rich womb our life has its ascent.

Out of those depths I hear my spirit cry
as height and depth give praise with one assent
to that great form that orders low and high;
the firmament. *Amen.*

II, Seven Whole Days ~ Malcolm Guite

Rebecca: Lights in the night, the lucid moon and sun,
the lesser and the greater share your light
and lift my heart to you when day is done,
lights in the night.

And lonely souls are gladdened by the sight,
for those who dwell in darkness hope is born.

The scattered stars still tingle with delight
treading the dance, the seasons in their turn
salute the lights of heaven in their flight.

In our dark hearts your praises shine and burn;
lights in the night. **Amen.**

IV, Seven Whole Days ~ Malcolm Guite

(All) *Psalm 33 Exultate, justi*



- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you / righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing / praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the / harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and / lyre.

3 Sing for him a new / song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the / trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is / right, *
and all his works are / sure.

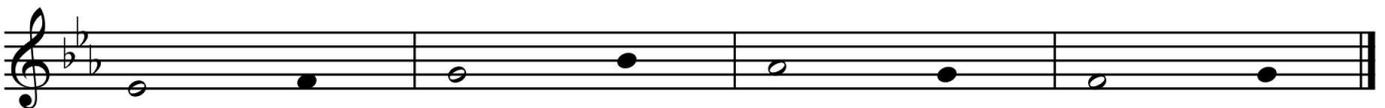


5 He loves righteousness and / justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole / earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the / heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly / hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a / water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the / sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the / LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in / awe of him.

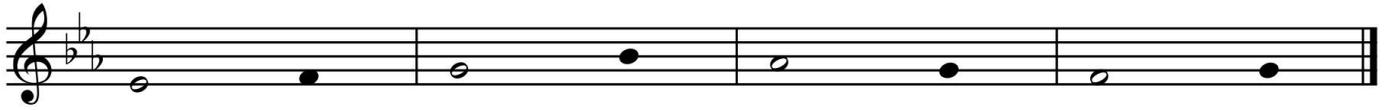


9 For he spoke, and it came to / pass; *
he commanded, and it stood / fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to / naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the / peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for / ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to / age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the / LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his / own!



13 The LORD looks down from / heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the / world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his / gaze *
on all who dwell on the / earth.

15 He fashions all the / hearts of them *
and understands all their / works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty / army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great / strength.



17 The horse is a vain hope for de/liverance; *
for all its strength it cannot / save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who / fear him, *
on those who wait upon his / love,

19 To pluck their lives from / death, *
and to feed them in time of / famine.

20 Our soul waits for the / LORD; *
he is our help and our / shield.



21 Indeed, our heart re/joices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our / trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be up/on us, *
as we have put our trust in / you.

Tom: A love that comforts and embraces us
is the true theme of every song I make,
how tenderly he finds, and takes and places us
deep into Christ himself for his love's sake.

The strings of all my instruments will stir
my heart to praise. Therefore I take
my harp, my mandolin, my old guitar,
and let them sound a new song in his praise,
whose word is true, whose works so full and fair
are radiant with glory, and whose ways
are tried and trusted.

The whole earth is charged and brimming with his goodness.

Days are ordained to praise him, by his breath
the stars of night are kindled, by his love.

He raises and delivers us from death. **Amen.**

XXXIII Exultate, justi, David's Crown ~ Malcolm Guite

(All)

The Hymnal 1982 - #5 O splendor of God's glory bright



1 O splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that
2 O thou true Sun of heaven - ly love, pour down thy
3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore: O Fa - ther,
4 to guide what - e'er we no - bly do, with love all
5 All laud to God the Fa - ther be; all praise, e -



1 bring - est light from light, O Light of Light, light's
2 ra - diance from a - bove: the Spi - rit's sanc - ti -
3 glo - rious ev - er - more, we plead with thee for
4 en - vy to sub - due, to give us grace our
5 ter - nal Son, to thee; all glo - ry to the



1 liv - ing spring, O Day, all days il - lu - mi - ning,
2 fy - ing beam up - on our earth - ly sen - ses stream.
3 grace and power to con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,
4 wrongs to bear, to make ill for - tune turn to fair.
5 Spi - rit raise in e - qual and un - end - ing praise.

Words: Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. Robert Seymore Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Splendor paternae gloriae*, plainsong, Mode 1, Worcester MS., 13th cent., acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



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

according to John (1:1-5, 14) and Luke (17:11-21)

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

Bev: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into

being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Meredith: On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

Bill: Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

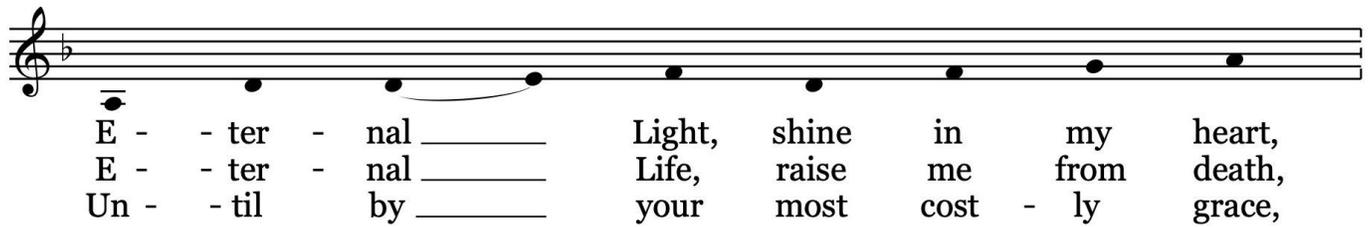
Bev: Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

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

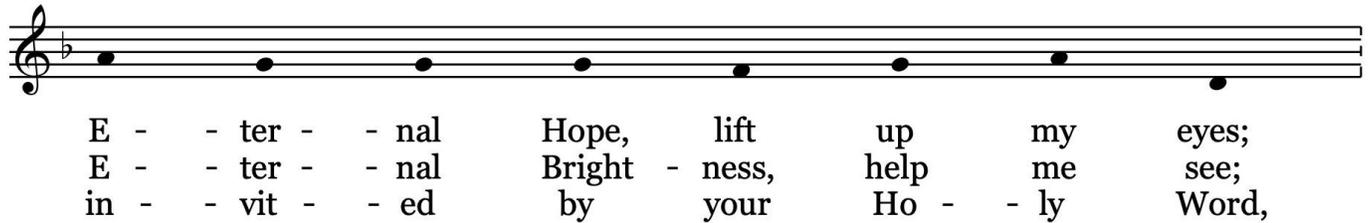
(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(All) Eternal Light, shine in my heart

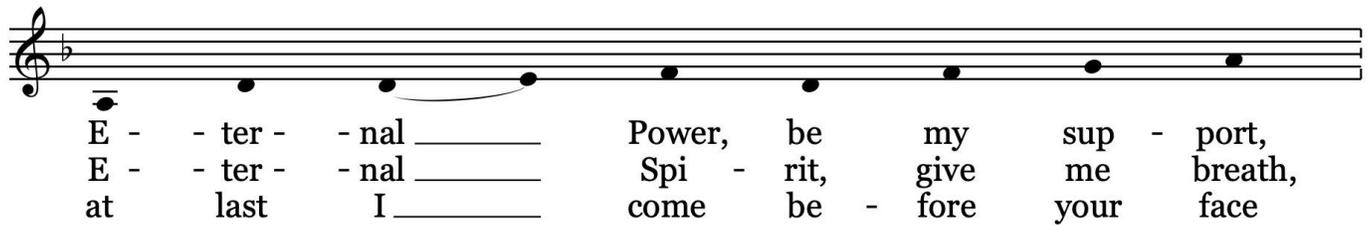
Words: Prayer of St. Alcuin (~735-804), Christopher Idle, Chant: Ann McChesney-Young



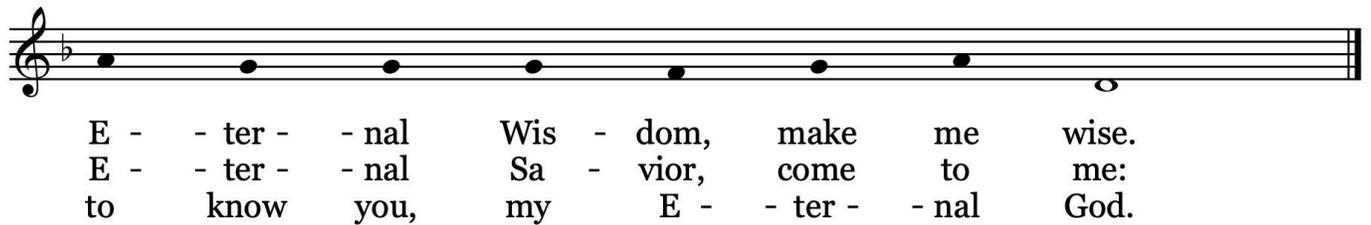
E - - ter - - nal _____ Light, shine in my heart,
E - - ter - - nal _____ Life, raise me from death,
Un - - til by _____ your most cost - ly grace,



E - - ter - - nal Hope, lift up my eyes;
E - - ter - - nal Bright - ness, help me see;
in - - vit - - ed by your Ho - - ly Word,



E - - ter - - nal _____ Power, be my sup - port,
E - - ter - - nal _____ Spi - rit, give me breath,
at last I _____ come be - fore your face



E - - ter - - nal Wis - dom, make me wise.
E - - ter - - nal Sa - vior, come to me:
to know you, my E - - ter - - nal God.



*Silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes
in memory of George Floyd
and all who cry out for mercy, justice, and peace;
for light and 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.”

And now let us pray together:

Jean W (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) Magnificat ~ Mary's Song

Mildred F. Rieth



1. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord.
2. Great are you, God, and ho - ly is your name.
3. Ah, how you fill the hun - gry with your love.
4. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord.



1. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord. For you
2. Your mer - cy reach - es to the end of time. Ah, the
3. With emp - ty hands the rich are sent a - way. You will
4. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord. For you



1. gazed on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion, And you
2. low - ly you raise — to the heav - ens, And the
3. al - ways be mind - ful of your mer - cy, As you
4. smiled on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion, And you



1. reached out and took me by the hand.
2. proud - heart - ed have no part with you.
3. prom - ised your peo - ple long a - go.
4. reached out and took me by the hand.

Amber: *A Reading from the Revelation of John (21:1-6)*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

Meg: And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

(All) Christe Jesu Lumen Cordium

Jacques Berthier, Taizé

Christe Je-su lu-men cor-di - um lau - da-bo te.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 2/4 time. It consists of a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

(Christ Jesus, light of hearts, I will praise you.)

(All) Da Pacem, Domine

Jacques Berthier, Taizé

Da pa - cem, Do - mi - ne, da pa - cem
Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - - stris.
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our _____ days.

The musical notation is on two staves in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

Katherine: Begin the song exactly where you are,

For where you are contains where you have been,

And holds the vision of your final sphere.

And do not fear the memory of sin;

There is a light that heals, and, where it falls,

Transfigures and redeems the darkest stain

Into translucent colour. Loose the veils

And draw the curtains back, unbar the doors
Of that dread threshold where your spirit fails,
The hopeless gate that holds in all the fears
That haunt your shadowed city, fling it wide.
And open to the light that finds and fares
Through the dark pathways where you run and hide,
through all the alleys of your riddled heart,
As pierced and open as His wounded side.
Open the map to Him and make a start,
And down the dizzy spirals, through the dark
His light will go before you, let Him chart
And name and heal. Expose the hidden ache
To him, the stinging fires and smoke that blind
Your judgement, carry you away, the mirk
And muted gloom in which you cannot find
The love that you once thought worth dying for.
Call Him to all you cannot call to mind.
He comes to harrow Hell and now to your
Well guarded fortress let His love descend.
The icy ego at your frozen core
Can hear His call at last. Will you respond? **Amen.**

Through the Gate, *The Singing Bowl*, ~ Malcolm Guite

(All) God be in my head

15th C. Prayer, Music: AMCY



1. God be in my head, — God be in my heart,
2. God be in my eyes, that I may see your face;
3. God be in my work, — God be in my play,
4. God be in my song, that I may sing your praise;



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|-----|----|----|----|--------|-----|----|----|----|---------|
| God | be | in | my | mind, | God | be | in | my | soul. |
| God | be | on | my | lips; | God | be | in | my | life. |
| God | be | in | my | home, | God | be | in | my | prayer. |
| God | be | in | my | night, | God | be | in | my | day. |

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!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second and fourth staves also end with double bar lines. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

(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 Thursday, September 23.

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