Cued Mile 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:** Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted. 
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.  
**Amen.**

Psalm 97:11-12
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 beauty,
Now, as we see the lights of evening,
mirror of God’s eternal face,
we raise our voice in hymns of praise;
transparent flame of love’s free duty,
worthy are you of endless blessing,
we find salvation in your grace.

sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Enriching Our Music, George Emblom, Paul Gibson
(All) **Bless the Lord, my soul** Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Tom:** Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age. Amen.

*Psalm 100, Jubilate Deo*
All: All who take refuge

Psalm 5:13-14; AMCY

All who take refuge in you will be glad;
they will sing out their joy forever.
You will shelter them, so that those who love your
Name may exult in you.

Jean W: Psalm 61, Exaudi, Deus

Hear my cry, O God, and listen to my prayer.
I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart;
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.
I will dwell in your house for ever;
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.
For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.
So will I always sing the praise of your Name,
and day by day I will fulfill my vows. Amen.
**Katherine:**  Hear us, we cry, and once more, make us glad
From every corner of the earth we call.
From heavy hearts, from weary souls and sad
Our cry ascends towards your holy hill:
Oh lift us up and set us on the rock,
On something higher than our wavering will,
And free us from the traps of time: the clock
That counts us down to nothing, the false hope,
The game-plan and trajectory, the lock
That closes out your grace. Help us look up
And see the shimmer of the angels’ wings
And, in between the cherubim, the cup
Of our salvation, and the king of kings
Come down to share himself in bread and wine.
Draw back the veil until our spirit sings.  **Amen.**

**Psalm 61: LXI Exaudi, Deus, Malcolm Guite**
Rebecca: For equal rights and justice, cry out loud!

Then come before God’s presence and be glad,
And harden not your hearts. Do not be proud,
But kneel before your maker, for he made
You for himself and also for each other,
To share his good gifts equally. Our God
Is everyone’s salvation, and our Father
Is Lord and father equally to all.
Let us rejoice before him, let him gather
The scattered tribes and nations back from all
The corners of the earth, and also from
The wilderness of willfulness. His call
To bring our lives, and our whole world to him
Resounds in all of us. Could we but hear,
Our Saviour, King and Shepherd calls us home.  \textit{Amen}.

\textbf{Psalm 95: XCV Venite, exultemus, Malcolm Guite}

\textit{(All)}  \textbf{Psalm 95}  \textit{Venite, exultemus}

\begin{enumerate}[1]
\item Come, let us sing to the /LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal/vation.
\item Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving *
and raise a loud shout to him with /psalms.
\item For the LORD is a great /God, *
and a great King above all /gods.
\item In his hand are the caverns of the /earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his /also.
\end{enumerate}
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Second half:
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to his voice!

**Tom: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13)**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
*Bev:* Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

**(All)** *Ubi Caritas*  

![Musical notation](image)

U-bi ca-ri-tas et a-mor, De-us i-bi-est.

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Meg: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (15:9-17)

(All) Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Meg: Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.
(All) *The Love Round*

Love, love, love, love. Christian, this is your call:

Love your neighbor as yourself, for God loves us all.

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:

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!
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 glory in your love, O Lord.  
2. GREAT are you, God, and holy is your name.  
3. Ah, how you fill the hungry with your love.  
4. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.

1. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord. For you  
2. Your mercy reaches to the end of time. Ah, the  
3. With empty hands the rich are sent away. You will  
4. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord. For you

1. gazed on your servant with compassion,  
2. lowly you raise to the heavens,  
3. always be mindful of your mercy,  
4. smiled on your servant with compassion,  

1. reached out and took me by the hand.  
2. proud-hearted have no part with you.  
3. promised your people long ago.  
4. reached out and took me by the hand.
(All) *My Spirit Yearns for You*  
Taizé

My spirit yearns for you in the night, O God;
I seek you, O Lord, with all my soul.

(All) *Make us turn to you*  
Paul Inwood

Make us turn to you, God of love and compassion;
Bring us home to you to be with you forever.

Make us turn to you, God of love and compassion;
Take us by the hand, lead us home to you.
Jean W: Oh, Great Spirit,
  Whose voice I hear in the winds
  and whose breath gives life to all the world.
Hear me! I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes
  ever hold the red and purple sunset.

Bev: Make my hands respect the things you have made
  and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand
  the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
  in every leaf and rock.

Meg: Help me remain calm and strong in the
  face of all that comes towards me.
Help me find compassion without
  empathy overwhelming me.
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,
  but to fight my greatest enemy: myself.
**Katherine:** Make me always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame. *Amen.*

**Great Spirit Prayer - Translated by Lakota Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in 1887**

**Shelter Me, O God**

(All)  
Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings.
You alone  
are my hope.

1. When my foes surround me, set me free.  
2. As a mother gathers her children.  
3. Though I walk in darkness, through the stormy sea.  

1. high above their reach.  
2. young beneath her care, gather me in to your arms.  
3. needle’s eye of death, you will never leave my side.

Bob Hurd
Rebecca: I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth
and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3: 14-21

(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;

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

![Musical notation for Nunc Dimittis]

Now in peace, O God, let your servant go.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

For my eyes have seen your salvation;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

(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, May 15.
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