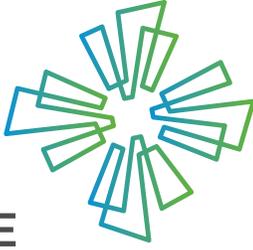
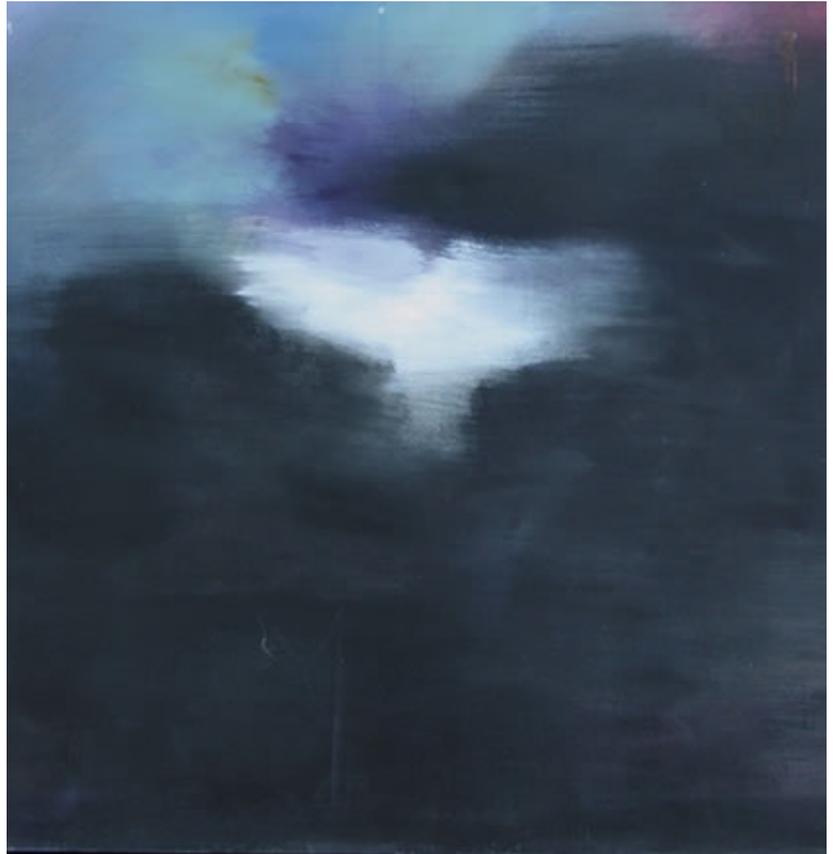


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The Gathering and Psalter

The service begins with instrumental music.

WELCOME

The presider welcomes and orients the congregation gathered virtually.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant May God be with you.

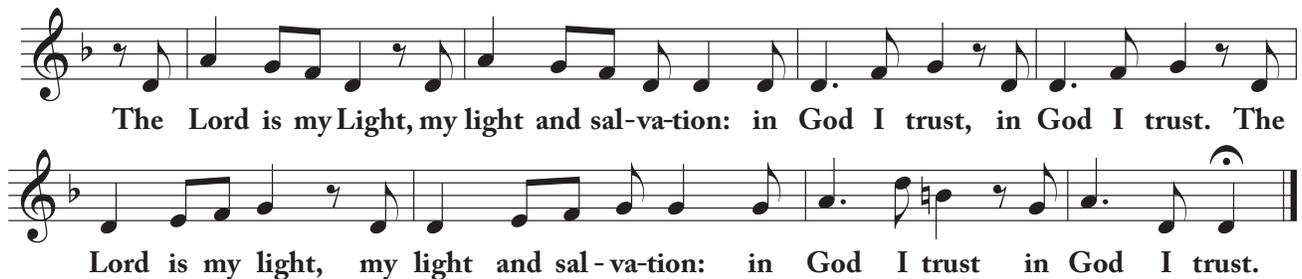
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHANT

All sing as a candle is lit.

Taizé Community



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-vation: in God I trust, in God I trust. The
Lord is my light, my light and sal-vation: in God I trust in God I trust.

text: Taizé Community, Psalm 26 (27); music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

PSALM 66: 7-18

The psalm is prayed alternating voices.

Psalter for the Christian People

Officiant Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of praise to be heard;

All **God holds our souls in life, ***
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

I cried out with my mouth, *
and God's praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me *
and attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld steadfast love from me.**

The Word of God

THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the

places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

After the reading Here ends the reading.

EASTER TROPARIAN

All stand and sing as directed by the cantor.

Hassidic Melody

Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia, tramp-ling down death by death.
(stomp)

Je-sus lives, sing al-le-lu-ia, tramp-ling down death by death.
(stomp)

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will

no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

After the reading Here ends the reading.

The Troparian is reprised.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
A musical reflection follows.

The people sit.

The Rev. AnnaMarie Hoos
Assisting Clergy

The Prayers



We wait-ed, we waited on our God. We wait-ed, we waited on our God.



You bent down low and re-mem-bered us when you heard our prayer.

THE RESPONSORY

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Our Father in heaven,
All hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come to you.**

Homilist Let us pray.

The homilist offers prayers.

Officiant God of bountiful grace, you call us to do all things with with praise and thanksgiving and so with gratitude we call to mind those signs of your goodness in our lives.

All are invited to share thanksgivings via chat.

Officiant O Divine Physician, in Christ you promise that all will be made whole, and so we entrust to you all who are sick, anxious, lonely or afraid. We remember first responders and health care workers, and all who influence public policy. And we commend to you those nearest to our hearts.

All are invited to share prayers for healing via chat.

Officiant And we remember those who have died, especially [...] and our own beloved dead.

All are invited to share prayers for the dead via chat.

We commend these and all the dead to the mercy and protection of God.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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The officiant adds one of these prayers:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

or O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, ho work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

All sing as directed by the cantor.

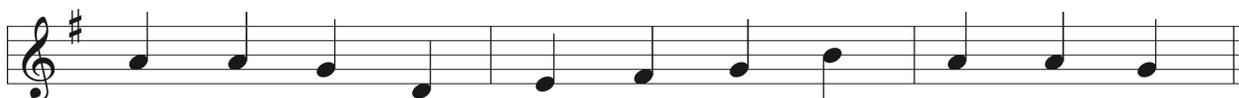
The Eighth Tune



Lead us through ev - ery hour of day, and
O God who bright - ens hu - man hearts, bid
Praise God a - bove and at our side. Praise



as we sleep, O God, we pray, with Christ to know in
ev - ery child in peace de - part, ac - cor - ding to your
God whose Spi - rit is our guide. Praise Christ a - mong us



clear - er sight, the peace of your e - ter - nal light.
sa - ving Word: Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard.
and with - in, in whom we end and we be - gin.

text: Paraphrase of Luke 2:29-32; adapt Anna E. Rossi; music: Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. Hymnal 1982

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The officiant pronounces God's blessing.

All respond **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

Officiant The Rev. Kristin Saylor, Director of Formation
Homilist The Rev. AnnaMarie Hoos, Assisting Clegy
Assisting Canon Jeffrey Hookom, Canon Precentor
The Rev. Anna E. Rossi, Succentor
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