

TAIZÉ PRAYER

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Shine Like Stars!

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Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by Kathryn Ophardt

This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. Please feel free, at any time, to come to the front to sit on the rug and be closer to the light, to pray with one of the icons, to light a candle with your prayer, to move with the music, or to sing in whatever language is comfortable to you. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

NB21 Sing To God

[A]

Sing to God with joy - ful hearts. Praise the Lord for
Singt dem Herrn ein neu - es Lied. Lob - Lord singt ihm

ev - er - more, praise the Lord singt for ihm ev - er - more.
al - le - zeit, lob - singt ihm al - le - zeit! Last time

Verses (Cantor)

[B]

O D.C.

D.C.



NB15 Jesus, Your Light

Je — sus your light is shi — ning with - in us. Let not my
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me. Je — sus your light is
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

shi — ning with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

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Psalm 27 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 1 Alleluia 4



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Hear, O my Beloved, when I cry aloud,
Be gracious and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart responds, "Your face, my Beloved,
Do I seek; hide not your face from me."

ALLELUIA

Do not turn from me,
You who have been my refuge.
Enfold me in your strong arms, O Blessed One.
Though my father and mother
May not understand me,
You, my Beloved, know me and love me.

ALLELUIA

Teach me to be love, as You are Love;
Lead me through each fear;
Hold my hand as I walk through
Valleys of illusion each day,
That I may know your Peace.

ALLELUIA

I believe that I shall know the Realm of Heaven,
Of Love, here on Earth!
Call upon the Beloved,
Be strong and trust in the heart's courage.
Trust in the power of Love;
The Beloved's unconditional
And everlasting love for you.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Words from Mechtild of Madgeburg

As you well know, all the flame and glowing in heaven and on earth whichever burns and shines flows from God alone.



36 The Lord Is My Light

Calmly (♩ = 66) (A1) Dm G (A2) (B1) (B2) *fine*

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It begins with the tempo marking 'Calmly' and a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. Above the staff, there are four circled letter markers: (A1), (A2), (B1), and (B2). Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a serif font. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The'. The word 'sal-va-tion' is hyphenated. The word 'fine' is written above the final measure of the melody, which ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests.

Theme II

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

Each of the two themes can be sung *separately*, either in unison or as a round (two voices only: coming in on A1 and B1). The two themes can also be sung *together*, preferably with theme I for female and theme II for male voices.

Prayers of Intercession

In the season of Epiphany, you may also write your prayers for light and guidance on a star found on the activity table and bring it forward and place it in the basket.

Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 12



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Glorious God, this world can appear so bleak with violence, hate, and greed. Illumine the world so that we might see that goodness of your creation.

KYRIE

God, we pray for the health and healing of your children, for physical illness, mental health challenges, and spiritual well-being.

KYRIE

God, we give thanks for meaningful relationships in our lives. Help us to open our hearts to more people, that together we might find belonging with one another and with you.

God, we pray for your protection, safety, and peace in our community in Pittsburgh that suffers from violence, and around the world. Especially, we pray for the ongoing unrest in Afghanistan.

KYRIE

God, we pray for your hope and steadfast love when the world around us seems overwhelming. Restore in us your radical hope and compassion.

KYRIE

God, enlighten us to your wisdom. Quiet any voice that is not your own so that we might discern your will and truth.

KYRIE



Silent and Spoken Prayers

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

NB53 The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Prayer over the Anointing Oil *(in unison)*

We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.

Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Amen.

37 Within Our Darkest Night

♩ = 63

B Em D

p

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -

G C G D G Em C Am

mf *p*

way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
mais, ne - s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le

B *mf* Em Am B *p* Em Am B

pp *fine*

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est
feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri -

pp *fine*

41 Veni Sancte Spiritus

♩ = 56 *pp* ^A Bm⁷/A

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

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* This Little Light Of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine....
5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine....

Text: Harry Dixon Loes, 1895-1965

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The Closing Blessing (*in unison*)

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery.
Visit us with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions.
Grace us with the hospitality
to open our hearts and homes
to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom
bearing profound and unusual gifts.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992 • Passcode: bestill

February Yoga and Mindful Meditation

Start your day on your mat, stretching and moving your body for 45-50 minutes of gentle Hatha yoga and 10-15 minutes of guided mindful meditation. February classes will have gentle and slow mindful movement, linking postures and breath and end with guided silent meditation. Donation-based. Must register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Feb-Yoga-and-Meditation>.

Monday and Wednesday mornings, 8-9 am

Feb 16, 21, 23, 28

No classes February 7, 9 or 14

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer here at ELPC.

BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community).

He can be reached at 412.441.3800 x141 or at BJW@coh.net.

ELPC EVENTS

A New Take on Climate Change – Feb 10

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading a new book titled *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson. This diverse collection of essays and a few poems are written by female activists, scientists, artists, architects, policymakers, and thinkers of various ages. We invite you to read the book, and join us to talk about your favorite parts on Thursday, Feb 10 at 7 pm via Zoom. To RSVP, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Combined Worship Service with Eastminster Presbyterian Church – Feb 13

On Sunday, Feb 13, the first in a series of annual joint services with Eastminster Presbyterian Church is being planned. The worship service will combine the music leaders and choirs of our two churches, and utilize liturgists from both congregations. As a “pulpit swap,” the Rev. Aaron Teter, newly installed co-pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, will present the message. This joint service is planned to be a hybrid event.

Climate Change and the Green New Deal – Feb 13

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to a panel discussion on *Climate Change and the Green New Deal* at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Feb 13 in the Social Hall and on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 827 3760 9292; Passcode 755590). Together, we will examine the issue of climate change, its implications for racial and economic justice, and how we can combat it by building a mass movement for a *Green New Deal*. Panelists include Claire Cohen, M.D., Patricia DeMarco, Ph.D. and Helen Gerhardt. Light refreshments will be provided.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Feb 20

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. This month we will meet via Zoom and maybe in person. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).



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