



TAIZÉ PRAYER

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7:00 PM**



**East Liberty
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Shine Like Stars!

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In this season of Epiphany (Jan 5-Feb 23) we are inviting you to decorate stars with your scribblings, doodles, and prayers. There are star mandalas you can do in the bulletin, and stars at the craft table in the front of the Chapel. Leave your stars in the basket at the altar.

Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

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.

43 Holy Is The Name Of God

$\text{♩} = 100$ F Dm Am ESUS E A B \flat F Gm C

San - ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul, prais - ing God ev - er - more.

F Dm Am ESUS E A B \flat F Gm C F

San - ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul, giv - ing praise to God.

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NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned

$\text{♩} = 100$ F Dm Am ESUS E A B \flat F Gm C

O - cu - li nos - tri ad the Do - mi - num Je - sum,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

F Dm Am ESUS E A B \flat F Gm C F

o - cu - li nos - tri ad the Do - mi - num nos - trum.
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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Psalm 99 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1

Soprano ad lib.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia.

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Awaken, O you people!
Entrust your hearts to Love.
For the Beloved reigns supreme;
Let all the earth give thanks!

ALLELUIA

Your unseen Presence is great in the land;
You sit with the leaders of nations.
Let them be silent and guided by your Voice.

ALLELUIA

Holy are you!
You are mighty and love justice,
You establish equity;
Out of the Silence,
Your Word can be heard in the land
Inviting the nations to live in peace.

ALLELUIA

Listen, O you people!
Open your hearts to the Beloved,
That Truth may be born anew!

ALLELUIA

Many who have gone before you
Followed the Beloved's Voice,
The unknown saints of all generations.
They surrendered themselves
Into the Beloved's hands,
And walked with confidence.
They were guided through difficult times,
Keeping to Love's way,
And trusting in Love's promises.

ALLELUIA

O Heart of all hearts,
You answered their prayers;
With mercy, you forgave them
Their wrongdoings,
Always inviting them to new life.
Sing praises to the Beloved,
And aspire to ascend the holy mountain,
Holy are you, O Giver of Life!

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Luke 9:28-36 *(selected verses)*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

Words from Frederick Buechner

It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they’d tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they’d seen as hungry, tired, footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in all his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were blinded.

Even with us something like that happens once in a while. The face of the man walking his child in the park, of a woman picking peas in her garden, of sometimes even the unlikely person listening to a concert, say, or standing barefoot in the sand watching the waves roll in, or just having a beer at a Saturday baseball game in July. Every once and so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it’s almost beyond bearing.

33 Glory Be To You

Canon

♩ = 104

(A) F $\text{B}\flat$ F $\text{B}\flat$ (B)

Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne.
Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

(C) (D)

Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne.
Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

Prayers of Intercession *(written by William Loader)*

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: NB40 Lord, Hear Our Prayer

The musical score is written for three parts: Cantor, Tenor, and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The Cantor part begins with a rest, followed by a melodic line starting on a whole note. The Tenor and Bass parts enter with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Te, ro - ga - mus au - di nos. — O Lord, have mer - cy. Ex - au - di nos. Ex - au - di nos. (hum) —'. The score ends with a double bar line.

Cantor

Te, ro - ga - mus au - di nos. —
O Lord, have mer - cy.

Ex - au - di nos. Ex - au - di nos. (hum) —
Lord, hear our prayer, Lord, hear our prayer.

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Almighty God, before the passion of your Son, you revealed His glory upon the holy mountain. Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross. Indeed, O Lord, give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold Him in all His glory.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

O God, at the Holy Mountain we open our eyes, and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light. May your light always shine upon us.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

O God, we open our eyes, and we see Moses and Elijah with Jesus, your word, restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story. May your word always speak to us.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

O God, we open our eyes, and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out — to ministry, to people. Help us to share his love, your love.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

O God, hear our prayers not just for ourselves, but our prayers for one another at this time: our prayer that they who are lost might be found, that they who are lame might walk and they who are sick may be healed, that they who are enslaved may be set free and they that mourn may be comforted.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

O God, at your Holy Mountain we open our ears, and we hear your voice saying, “This is my beloved Son, listen to him!” We give you thanks and we pray in his name that we might always do your will and harken to his voice — both on the mountains and in the valleys of life.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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.



NB32 Your Word, O Lord

Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, en - light - en my
C'est toi ma lam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té -

dark - ness. O Lord, my — God, en - light - en my dark - ness. O
nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon - Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei -

Lord, my — God, en - light - en my dark - ness. Your
gneur, mon — Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

Last time

CLM32 Look To God And Be Filled

Qui re - gar - de vers Dieu res - plen - di - ra, sur son vi -
Look to God and be filled with ra - diant joy. Lift up your

(Last time ☺)
sa - ge, plus d'a - mer - tu - me, sur son vi - sa - ge, plus d'a - mer - tu - me.
heads for God hears our prayer, - lift up your heads for God hears our prayer. -
(Last time ☺)

O _____ Qui re -
Look to

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G65 Thank You, Lord

1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,
2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so
3. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my,

The first system of musical notation for 'Thank You, Lord' is in 4/4 time, key of G major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with chords and single notes in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text.

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with chords and single notes in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text.

Text: Traditional

Tune: Traditional; Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, b. 1937, and Verolga Nix, b. 1933, from *Songs of Zion* © 1981 by Abingdon CCLI #689547

4. Been my Light ...

5. Been my Peace ...

6. Been my Joy ...

7. Been my Life ...

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>.

Feb 28, 8-9 am

Cathedral Yoga

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

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

Third Friday of every month (mostly), 6:30-7:45 pm

Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13

Lenten Silent Retreat

Friday, March 18 at 5pm to Sunday, March 20 at Noon

St. Emma's Retreat House in Greensburg, PA

\$150 (scholarships available, contact Rev. BJ Woodworth)

LIMITED to 9 people

RSVP by to Norma by March 13 (norma@coh.net)

We invite you to come away with God, in the middle of the Lenten season for a weekend of quiet and rest. The retreat will be a time to rest your body, mind, and spirit, to play and pray, to eat and be still, to walk and sit, to talk and be silent, and simply follow “the unforced rhythms of grace.” If these words from Jesus ring true in your spirit, join us.

ELPC EVENTS

Forest Bathing – Feb 26

What is forest bathing? Well, it is not a nature walk or a fitness hike. It is a 60-minute, guided visit into the natural world, where we will slow down, awaken our senses, and nurture our relationship with nature. Through a series of invitations, we will find our own ways of connecting with nature as we relax into being present with the sights, smells, sounds, textures, and tastes of the woods. There's no rush and there's no right or wrong way to do it.

Join us in ELPC's Courtyard on Saturday, Feb 26 from 11 am to Noon to explore the hidden beauty found within the space's architecture, plants, trees, and flowers—even amidst winter. We will have a fire for warming as we slowly reflect on the beauty of the natural world. We will sit a lot and move slowly, so dress appropriately and consider bringing a blanket.

RSVP to Pastor BJ Woodworth (BJW@coh.net) today if you would like to participate.

Congregational Meeting – Feb 27

On Sunday, Feb 27 at 12:45 pm, we will convene for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. This is a time to reflect on the past year, receive reports and budget information, and elect officers to serve on our governing councils. You are invited to attend the meeting in the Social Hall or on Zoom (Meeting ID 895 1736 2467).

Ash Wednesday – March 2

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and ELPC will offer two services, both of which will include the imposition of ashes. At noon, Kathryn Ophardt, our seminary intern, will lead a reflective time of word and prayer. Then at 7 pm, Pastor BJ will commemorate the start of Lent through the music and prayers of Taizé. Please join us for this sacred time of ritual and reflection in the Sanctuary.



Enneagram Study Group – Begins March 21

The Enneagram is an ancient tool with modern appeal. Its accuracy can be disarming and its applied wisdom transformative. Whether you are new to the Enneagram or have been dabbling in it for years, you are invited to participate in this Enneagram Study Group where you will glean a deeper appreciation of how we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” and how that plays out in loving our neighbors. The Enneagram doesn't put you in a box; it reveals the box that you are already in and offers a path out!

Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays of March through June and Sept through Dec, from 12:30-1:30 pm on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127, Passcode: 9types). The Required book is *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz.





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