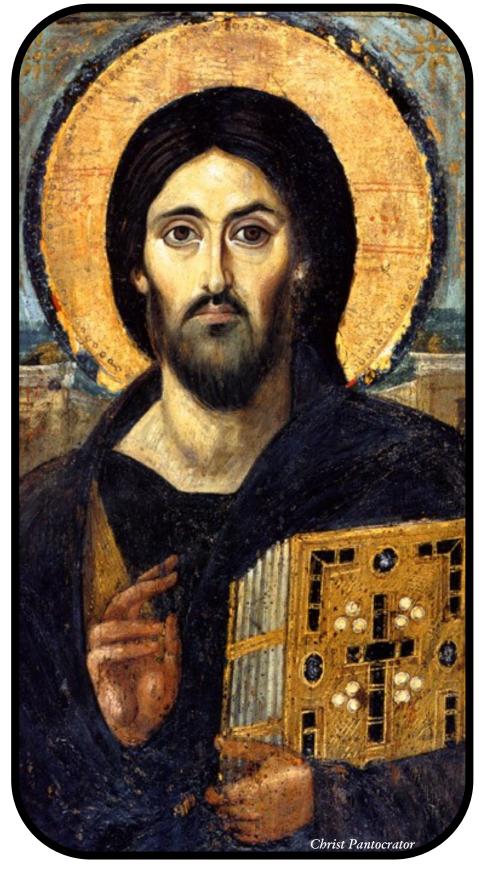
# TAIZE: PRAYERFUL SONG & QUIET MEDITATION





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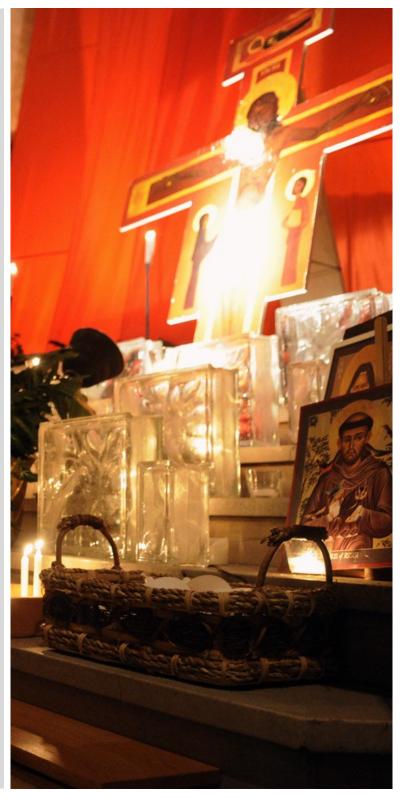
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# **Welcome to Taizé**

We hope this time and space of prayerful song and quiet meditation will give you rest in body, mind and spirit. We invite you to pray and meditate in a variety of ways as you are so inclined.

- Hold a prayer stone, palm cross or prayer beads.
- Allow the simple repeated refrains to be sung over you and join in as you are able.
- Come forward to the table to doodle or color a mandala.
- Sit on a prayer cushion or chair at the front to be closer to the icons and artwork.
- Light a candle in prayer for another.
- Visit one of the prayer stations up on the altar.

May you awaken to the restful and restorative presence of the Spirit, and may you carry that awareness with you out into the world.

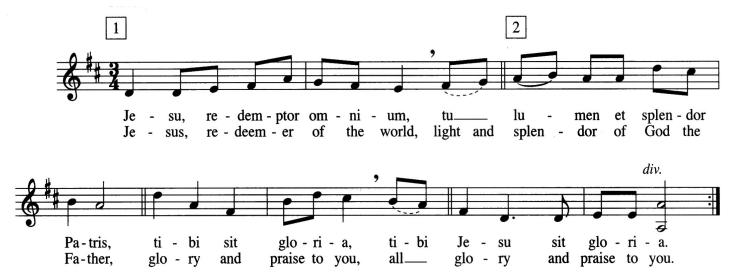


**Prelude by Gerard Rohlf** 



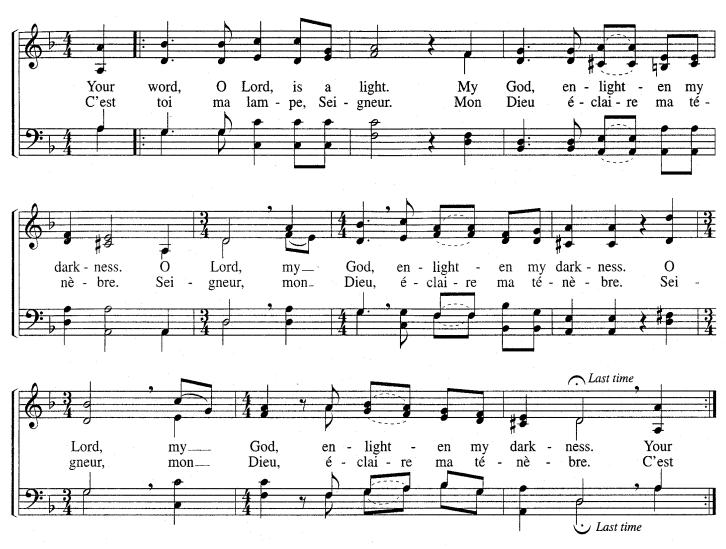
Declared in 1990, November is *National American Indian Heritage Month*, during which we celebrate the rich histories and invaluable contributions of American Indians. This month, let us reflect on and honor the incredible resilience of our country's first people.

# **CLM23** Jesus, Redeemer



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# NB32 Your Word, O Lord

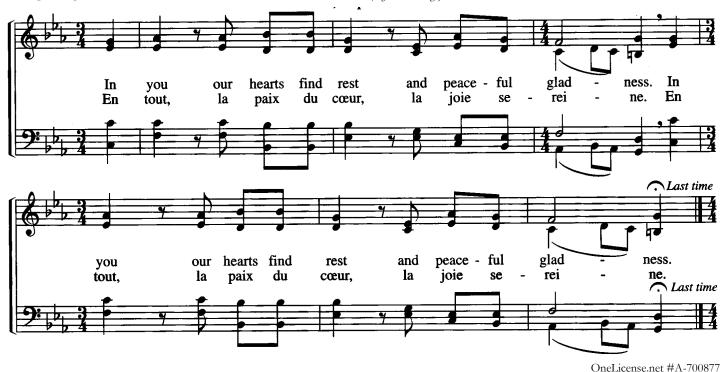


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**Psalm 46** (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

# **Sung Response:** NB58 In You Our Hearts Find Rest (refrain only)



The Beloved is our refuge and our strength, A Loving Presence in times of trouble. Therefore, we need not fear Though the earth should change, Though the mountains Shake in the heart of the sea, Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains Tremble with its tumult.

#### IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

There is a river whose streams
Make glad the Holy City,
The holy habitation of the Most High.
The Beloved is in the midst of it,
It shall not be moved;
Our loving Creator
Is an ever-present help.

## IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

The nations may be at war, Countries left in ruins, Yet is the Voice of the Almighty heard, Slowly breaking through hearts of stone. The Beloved is ever with us, The infinite Heart of Love.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

Come, behold the works of the Beloved,
How love does reign
Even in humanity's desolation.
For the Beloved yearns for wars to cease,
Shining light into fearful hearts;
Loving even those who oppress the weak,
Refining hearts of steel!

#### IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

"Be still and know that I am Love, Awaken! Befriend justice and mercy; Do you not know you bear my Love? Who among you will respond?" O Blessed One, you know all hearts, You are ever with us; May Love ever guide our lives!

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

# The Word: Colossians 1:15-20 (the Inclusive Bible translation)

Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth, everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers — all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. The church is the body; Christ is the head. Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way. God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ, and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ — everything in heaven and everything on earth — when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

# **Quiet Meditation and Reflection** (lasting approximately 5-7 minutes)

# **Words from Saints and Ancestors**

What if Christ is a name for the transcendent within of every 'thing' in the universe... the immense spaciousness of all true Love... an infinite horizon that pulls us from within and pulls us forward too. What if Christ is another name for everything - in its fullness?

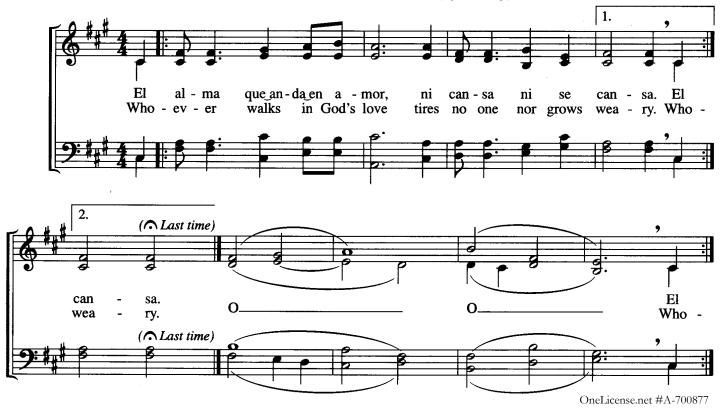
— Richard Rohr, (born 1943) is an American Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality based in Albuquerque, New Mexico

# NB31 With You, O Lord



# Prayers of Intercession (adapted from the Iona Community's "Iona Abbey Worship Book")

# **Sung Response: CLM16 Whoever Walks in God's Love** (refrain only)



O Christ, may we see you in everyone and in every 'thing'. May your expansiveness humble us and demand more of us, and give us no reasons to fight, exclude, or reject anyone.

#### WHOEVER WALKS IN GOD'S LOVE

O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our world. In your dying for us, you accepted the pain and hurt of the whole of creation.

#### WHOEVER WALKS IN GOD'S LOVE

O Christ, the arms of your cross stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation. You have made peace with us. Help us to make peace with you by sharing in your reconciling work.

### WHOEVER WALKS IN GOD'S LOVE

O Christ, may we recognize your Spirit disturbing and challenging us to care for creation and for the poor who most feel the effects of its abuse.

#### WHOEVER WALKS IN GOD'S LOVE

O Christ, the whole of creation groans. Set us free and make us whole.

#### WHOEVER WALKS IN GOD'S LOVE

# **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**



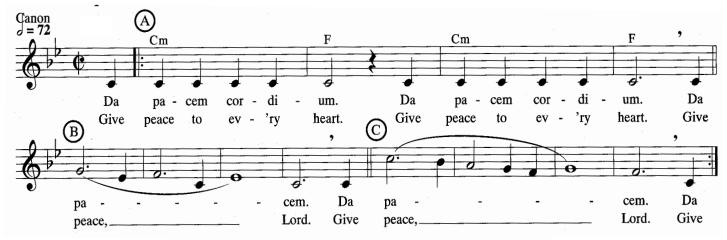
# **Prayer over the Anointing Oil** (in unison)

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.

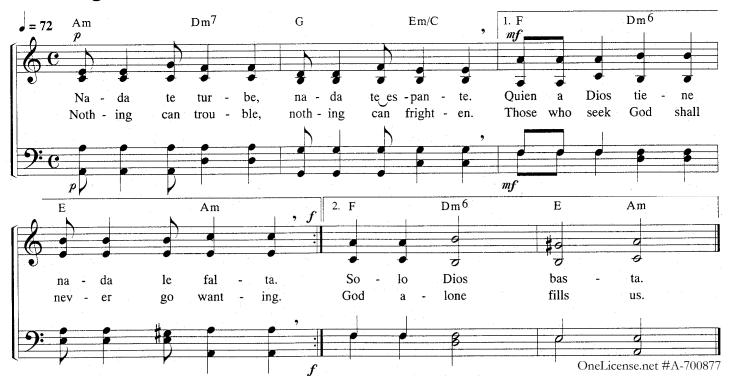


## **44 Give Peace**



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# 29 Nothing Can Trouble

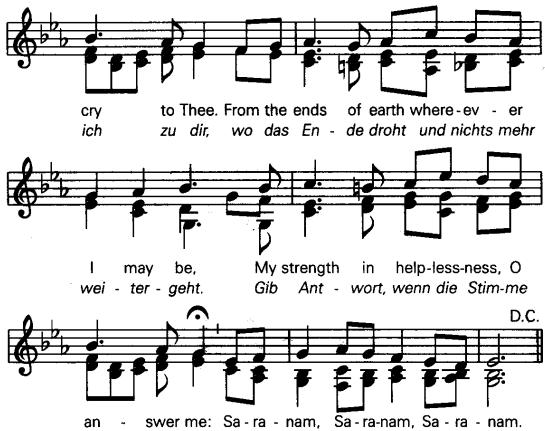


# **G134 Saranam**



nam, Sa-ra-nam, Sa-ra-nam. In the midst of foes I Schutz, du bist Hil-fe und Halt. Mit-ten in der Angst schrei

Lied zu Psalm 61 aus dem Punjab und Sri Lanka. Satz: Hartmut Bietz. 1: D. T. Niles, 2: Dieter Trautwein. © E.A.C.C. Hymnal 1972. © 2: Strube, München



- los fleht: Du bist Schutz, du bist Hil fe und Halt, hilf
- 2. In Thy tent give me a dwelling place, / And beneath Thy wings may I find sheltering grace, / let fall on me the sunshine of Thy face: / Saranam, Saranam, Saranam. / Jesus Saviour, Lord . . .
- 3. O that I my vows to Thee may pay, / And that by Thy faithfulness to me each day: / May live, and on Thy love my burdens lay: / Saranam, Saranam, Saranam. / Jesus Saviour, Lord ....
- 4. Yesterday, today, for e'er the same, / Lo, the heritage of all who bear His name / To ransom them from sin the Saviour came; / Saranam, Saranam, Saranam. / Jesus . . .
- 2. Laß dein Zelt mir Haus und Wohnung sein, / wo die Gnade deiner Flügel mich bedeckt, / wo mich dein Antlitz gleich der Sonne weckt: / Du bist Schutz, du bist Hilfe und Halt. / Jesus, Retter, . . .
- 3. Hilf, Gelübde, die ich gab, zu tun / und zu sehn, was deine Treue täglich schenkt, / wie Liebe auch an meine Lasten denkt: Du bist Schutz, du bist Hilfe und Halt. / Jesus, . . .
- 4. Gestern, heute und zu aller Zeit / soll, wer seinen Namen trägt, auch Erbe sein, / daß Jesus kam von Sünden zu befrei'n: / Du bist Schutz, du bist Hilfe und Halt. / Jesus, Retter, . . .

# **Closing Blessing** (in unison; John Philip Newell)

As earth requires rest and the seas need time to be replenished, so in resting may we be made more alive, so in stillness may our creativity be born anew. Bless us this night, O God, that we may wake refreshed.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen. People: Amen.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

#### **Contemplative Prayer on Mondays**

On Mondays from 7:30–8 am, you're invited to a weekly time of quiet contemplation and reflection. The Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead us through a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art, and our bodies to help us start our day and week in communion with God and one another.

Join us online at www.tiny.cc/contemplative-prayer. Enter meeting ID: 959 8065 3992 and passcorde: bestill. Contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net) for more info.

#### **Cathedral Yoga**

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

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

#### **JourneyDance**

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

Nov 18 Dec 9 (second Friday) 6:30-7:45 pm



# Fall Pie Festival Sunday, Nov 20

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to the first ever *ELPC Fall Pie Festival* in the Social Hall on Sunday, Nov 20 after the 11 am Sanctuary service. You are invited to bring your favorite fall pie (or cake or cookies) to share with the congregation.

The Spiritual Life Committee will provide the whipped cream, ice cream, and warm drinks while we sample your favorite pies or other sweet treats

Please join us for a time of celebrating the fall harvest and anticipation of the arrival of the holiday season. Let Norma know what you are bringing by Friday (412.441.3800 x211).

# **ELPC EVENTS**

#### YAM Virtual Happy Hour — Nov 18

Join the Young Adult Ministry on Friday, Nov 18 at 7 pm for their monthly Virtual Happy Hour! Contact Derail for more info (DerailH@coh.net).

#### **Connections Movie Night — Nov 19**

The ELPC *Connections Group* will see the movie "Till" on Saturday, Nov 19 at the Waterfront Theater. After the movie, we'll get coffee and dessert and discuss the film. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com and let us know if you would like a ride. The exact showtime is unknown until a few days before the event, but plan on approximately 7 pm. We'll contact those who have RSVP'd with details. A limited number of free tickets are available.

#### PW Thank Offering - Nov 20

All members and friends of ELPC are invited to support the PW *Thank Offering* during 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 20. Make checks payable to *Presbyterian Women in ELPC* and write "PW Thank Offering" in the memo line. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

#### **Church Tour — Nov 20**

There will be a *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Nov 20. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

#### Cathedral Concert: Choral Festival - Nov 20

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will kick off its 2022–2023 season on Sunday, Nov 20 at 3 pm with an exciting free concert featuring guest conductor Dr. Anthony Leach, the ELPC Chancel Choir, and special guests, with music of living African American composers.

#### SAVE THE DATES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Please save these dates and plan to participate. These ministry opportunities enable us to serve our neighbors and members who are struggling emotionally or financially during the holidays.

- ♦ Holiday Giving Tree Tag Distribution Sundays, Nov 20, 27, Dec 4 and Wednesday, Nov 30
- ◆ Blue Christmas Service Friday, Dec 9 at 7 pm
- ◆ Ten Thousand Villages Shopping
  Saturday, Dec 18, and Sunday, Dec 19 (at ELPC and online)

For more information, contact Dave Cowan, Board of Deacons moderator (DavidACowan@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x230).