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Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



We welcome all of you tonight to our Lectio Divina and Taize prayer service. We invite you to allow the living Word to speak to you through the three guided scripture readings that make up the Lectio Divina. Through Taize Prayer, we work to open our hearts and minds wider to the Word of the Lord through music, scripturally inspired chants, and bold, receptive silence.

After the opening prayer, as the music begins, we will be lighting a candle for your prayer intentions that you have shared with us. You are also welcome to light a candle at home for your personal prayer intentions and for the prayer intentions of our entire community.

Thank you for your presence here tonight. Let us prepare our hearts in prayer together.



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



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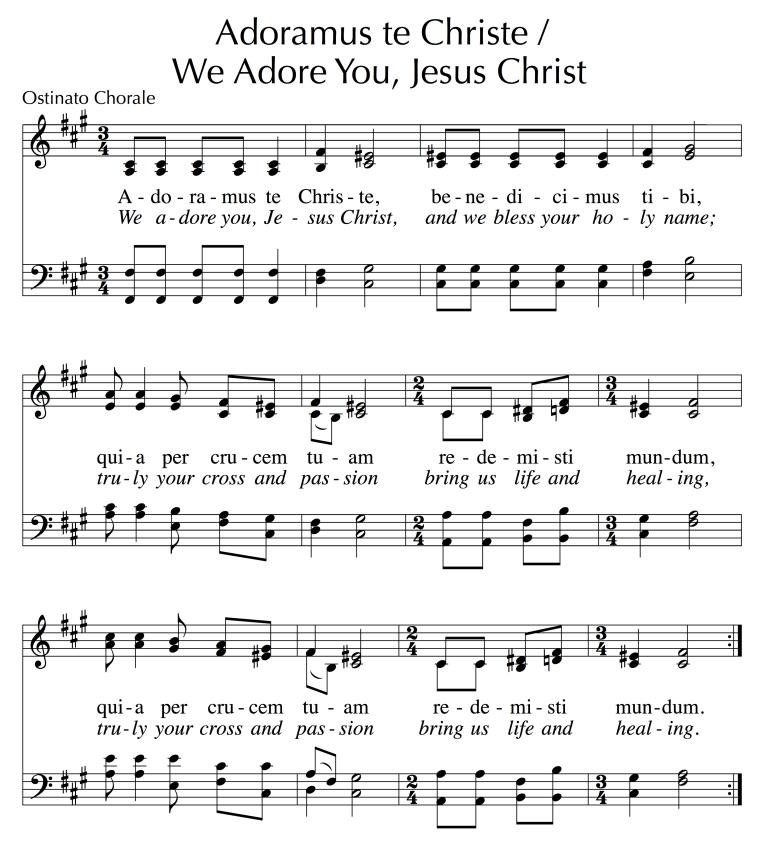
LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen to the gospel,

let us ask the Holy Spirit for the grace to seek knowledge of Jesus through a personal relationship with Him.

First Reading – John 18:33b-37
Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.
What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world,
my attendants would be fighting
to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not here."
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Jesus Christ, You have come here to save us, to be our shepherd, and our king. Through Your mercy, we are redeemed. If my faith or my understanding fails me, all I must do is ask You to guide me. Guide me, Lord. I surrender myself to You.



Text: We adore you, Jesus Christ, Taizé Community Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1982, 1983, 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Journal Prompt: Since Christ's birth, and the decree of Herod, the culture has been at work to strike down Jesus as King, in order to hold its own kingship unchallenged. Philosophical abuses in epistemology (the field that studies knowledge, and how we are able to know things to be real) have lead to a crisis in faith— many see their own sense perception (what they themselves can see, taste, smell, touch) as the ultimate judge of knowledge. Therefore, the fruit that we ate in the garden has proliferated, as we now judge within our own bodies what is real and what is not real. Through the Eucharist, and Eucharistic Adoration, we profess that Christ the King is alive, resurrected within us, and reigning here and now. If we accept Him and let Him conquer our own sin, He may reign powerfully through us, as through all of His creation. Do I believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist? If not, why? Do I let my own senses determine what I believe is real? Are the beliefs of my culture affecting me? Do I have difficulty believing in things that are not widely accepted?

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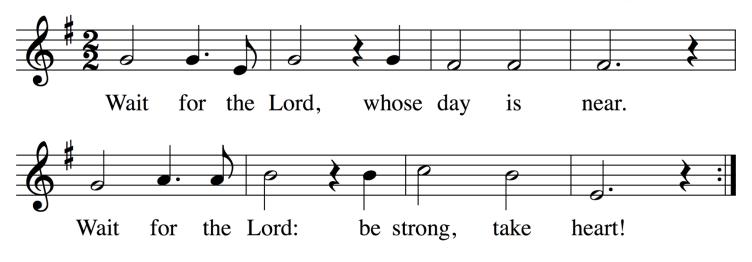
As we listen again to the gospel, let us ask that the Holy Spirit opens our hearts to the treasures of the Kingdom of Heaven that are visible here on this earth.

Second Reading – John 18:33b-37
Pilate said to Jesus,
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Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
or have others told you about me?"
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Lord, through the birth of Your Son, You have borne into this world great mercy, love, generosity, charity and peace. Fill us with the knowledge of Your goodness-- Your miraculous goodness-- so that we may be made sturdy by the promises of Your Kingdom.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Jacques Berthier



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Journal Prompt: When God became man, He did so to perfect us. And as the perfect teacher, He became like us, and entered into a relationship with us, to teach us how to fully love one another. He taught us to forgive, and how to care for one another. Though our world continues to grow in sin, it also continues to grow in love and conversions to Christ. Christ tells His followers that "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Therefore, as Christians, we lead others to the Kingdom of Heaven with our words and deeds. Do I serve Christ, my King, in all times and places? How can my actions, deeds and words, as a follower of Christ influence others?

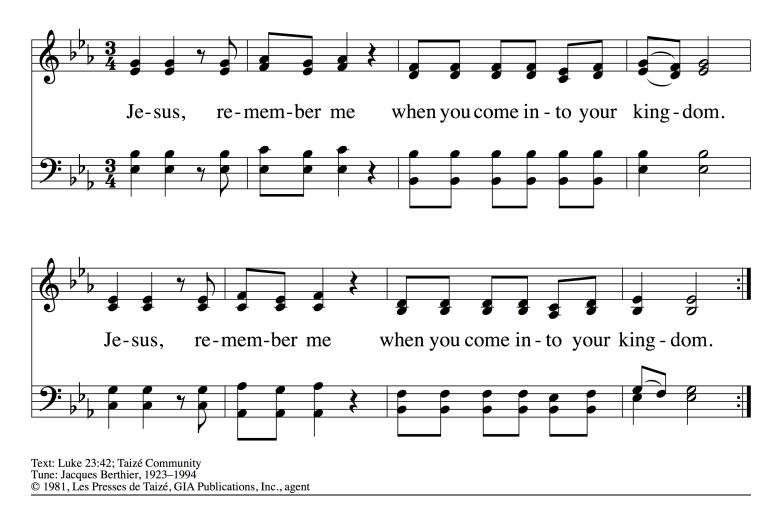
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As we listen again to the gospel, let us ask that the Holy Spirit help us to order our days so that we may put Christ at the center of our lives.

Third Reading – John 18:33b-37
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Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
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Lord, we ask that You make us aware of Your presence in each moment, and that You inspire our constant devotion to You and Your word.

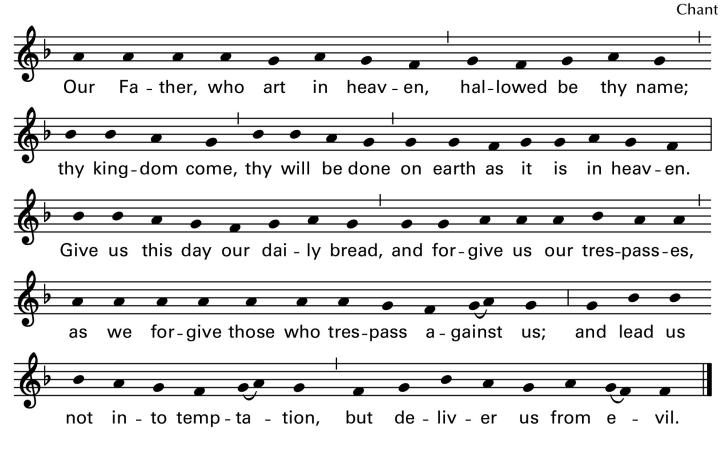
Jesus, Remember Me



Journal Prompt: When we prioritize a deep relationship with God (acknowledging Him in thanksgiving, spending time with Him through prayer, and reading His word each day) we allow the Holy Spirit to enter and guide us in our works. Therefore, works are secondary to a relationship with Christ, because a relationship with Christ produces good works in us. Do I prioritize my relationship with Christ? Do I feast on His words each day? Do I let His words penetrate and change me? Am I humble and open to correction? Is there anything I find difficult about a daily prayer practice?

CLOSING PRAYER and CONCLUDING SONG

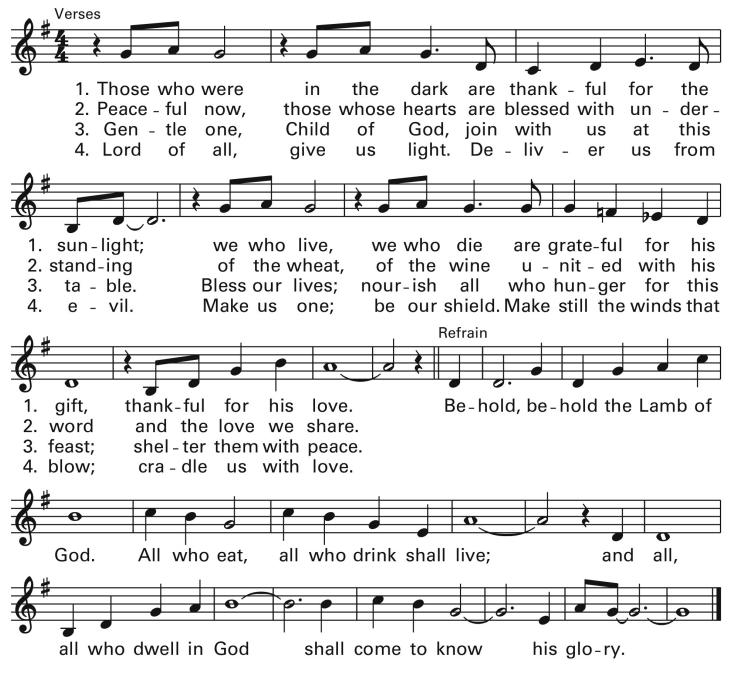




Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett



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