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Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



WELCOME



We welcome all of you tonight to our Lectio Divina and Taizé 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 Taizé 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.**



OPENING PRAYER



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.



**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**



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LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen to the gospel, let us reflect on the power and virtue of our own humility in the presence of our powerful Savior. Lord, we pray that your Holy Spirit fills us with faith and trust in You, so that you can teach us to see and serve those around us.

First Reading – John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Father, all good things come from You. So, in order for our works to be made good, we must offer them to You. Teach us how to offer our daily works to You, so that you can use them to advance Your will.



**Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.**



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LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen again to the gospel, let us focus again on humble service. Lord, you have created us with intention. You have placed us in this world to serve those who gather around us. Please soften our hearts to those who sit at the table with us.

Second Reading – John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Lord, You have given us family. You have brought us to dine at your table, and surrounded us with our brothers and sisters in You. You have also borne us to our natural families, as sons, daughters, brothers and sisters. Lord, we ask that you fill us with love and a desire to serve those in our homes and our parish.



**Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.**



Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taiz  Community, 1978,   1979, Les Presses de Taiz , GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen again to the gospel, let us ask that the Lord draw us close to Him, and teach us to serve Him and praise Him. Father, teach us to love You with all our heart, all our soul and all our strength.

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Lord, to be Your servant and to seek Your spiritual food is the most important thing we can do. Lord, we ask that you fill us with a deep need for closeness to You, and a great desire to serve and praise You above all other desires.



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.




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CLOSING PRAYER and CONCLUDING SONG

LORD'S PRAYER

Chant



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, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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



How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine



1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thruout the universe displayed!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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