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Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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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.



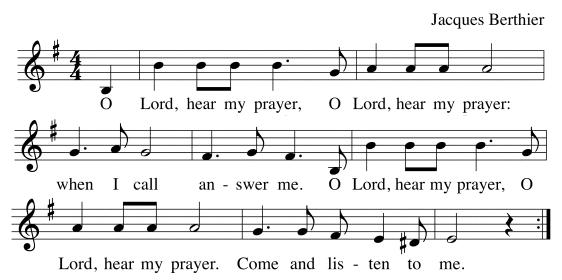
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

Listen to the Word of the Lord. What one word or phrase does the Holy Spirit impress on you?

The first reading from the Gospel of John (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.

What one word or phrase does the Holy Spirit impress upon you?

As we sit in silence, let us become aware of the presence of our Lord.

Use this time to invite Him into Your heart.

(You are welcome to write down what you wish to remember from this prayer experience below.)



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LECTIO DIVINA

Listen again to the Word of the Lord. What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit impressing on you? Enter into the scripture passage. How is the Word calling out to you at this moment in your life?

The second reading from the Gospel of John (John 6:1-15)

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Jesus went up on the mountain,

and there he sat down with his disciples.

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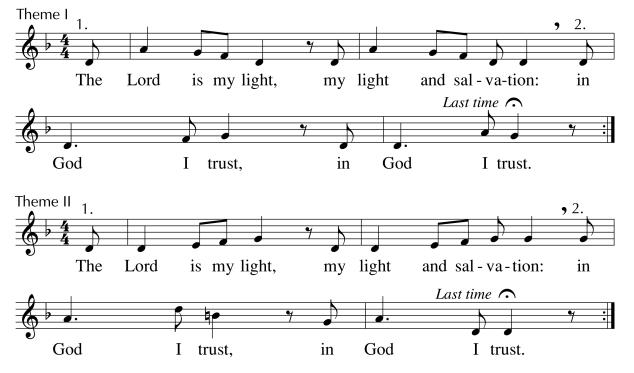
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How is the Word calling out to you at this moment in your life? Does your heart call back in need, or in thanksgiving, or both?

As we sit in silence, let us ask for the desire for a deep relationship with Jesus. Let us invite Him to walk with us in each moment of our days, but especially this moment, now.

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The Lord Is My Light



The themes may be sung separately or together, in unison or in canon.

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Open your whole heart and mind to the Word of the Lord. How is the Lord inviting you into closeness with Him?

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Your Father knows your needs before you tell Him. Rest quietly in the peaceful presence of the Lord.

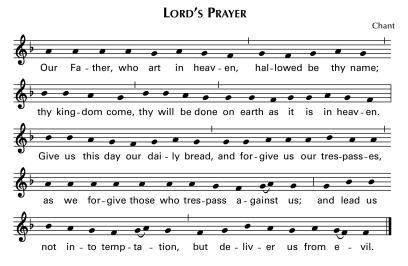
As we sit in silence, let us offer our hearts to the Lord. Let us give ourselves, our wills, our desires, and our thoughts as an offering.

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CLOSING PRAYER and CONCLUDING SONG



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



How Great Thou Art



Stuart K. Hine

 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!

Chorus

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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