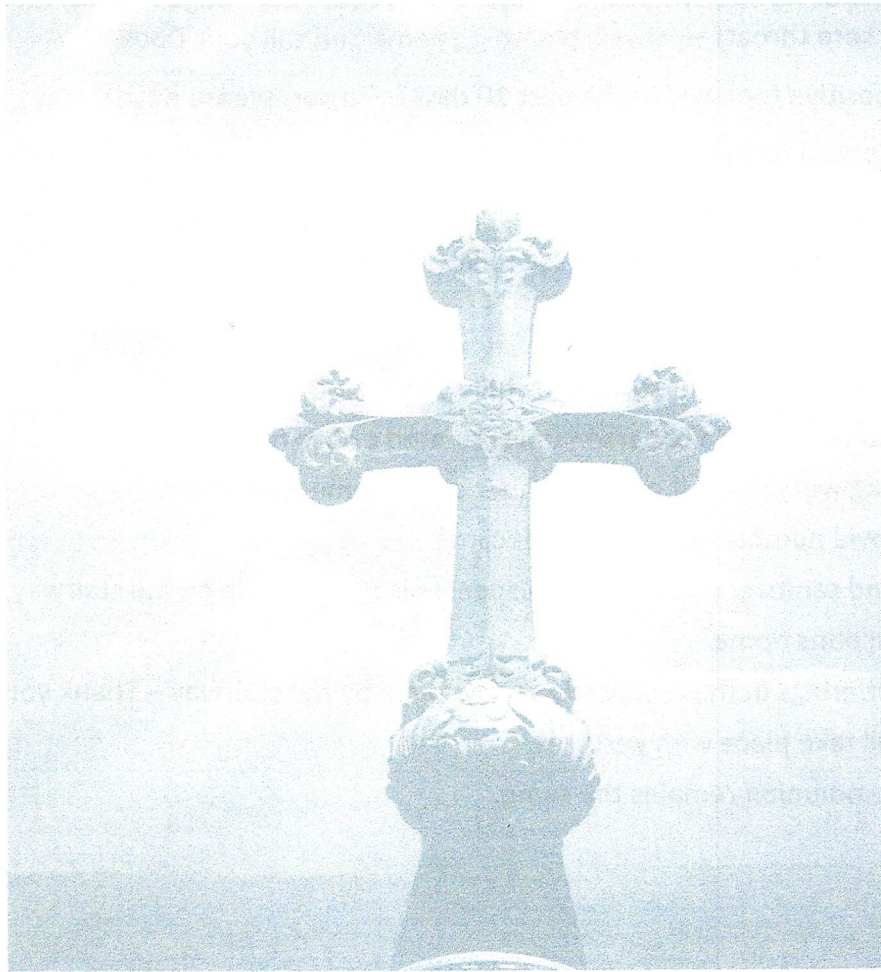


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St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lent: His Hour Has Come



O Light Invisible, we give Thee
thanks for Thy great glory

T.S. Eliot

Welcome!

From the depths of the human condition a secret aspiration rises up. Caught up in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for the essential reality: an inner life, signs of the invisible.

Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then a common prayer, far from exuding monotony and boredom, awakens us to heaven's joy on earth.

To celebrate such an inclusive common prayer, only a few people are needed, sometimes just two or three young adults. Already, through them, a sign of Christ becomes visible. And in addition, if young people were to join, at least once a week, the prayer of the local Christian community, a Sunday morning worship service involving all the generations, from little children to elderly persons, then the universality of fellowship in Christ would find a clear expression.

In a technological society, there is a clear separation between prayer and work. When inner life and human solidarity appear to be in competition with one another -- as if people had to choose between them -- that opposition tears apart the very depths of the soul. Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles--to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform the human condition, to make the earth a place fit to live in. All who walk in the footsteps of Christ, while being in the present of God, remain alongside other people as well. They do not separate prayer and commitment.

Brother Roger of Taizé

Silence

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities. But in the depths of our being Christ is praying, far more than we imagine. Compared to the immensity of that hidden prayer of Christ in us, our explicit praying dwindles to almost nothing. That is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer.

Although God never stops trying to communicate with us, God never wants to impose anything on us. Often God's voice comes in a whisper, in a breath of silence. Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer. It is not a matter of trying to obtain inner silence at all costs by following some method that creates a kind of emptiness within. The important thing is a childlike attitude of trust by which we allow Christ to pray within us silently, and then one day, we will discover that the depths of our being are inhabited by a Presence.

Meditative Singing

The music has been chosen to help us enter into times of prayer, resting in God. You are invited to listen to the musicians singing the meditative (repetitive form) songs until you settle into the music in a way that allows you comfort in singing as the songs become your prayer. The musicians and worship leader will guide us in the songs and prayers.

Taizé Worship

Lent
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Bells Call Us to Worship

Meditative Singing By Night We Hasten

De no - che i - re - mos, de no - che que
By night, we has - ten, in dark - ness, to

pa - ra en - con - trar la fuen - te, só - lo la sed nos a -
search for - liv - ing wa - ter, on - ly our thirst leads us

lum - bra, só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra. De
on - wards, on - ly our thirst leads us on - wards. By

Reading: John 7:37-46

Meditative Singing Nothing Can Trouble

♩ = 72 Am *p* Dm7 G Em/C , 1. F *mf* Dm6

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am , *f* 2. F Dm6 E Am

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

Reading: John 11:1-8, 14-17, 20-27

Meditative Singing: When the Night Becomes Dark

Em Am6 E Am E

When the night be - comes dark, your love, O Lord,

Am E C6 Dm C F6 E Am

is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire.

A Litany of Cleansing

L: Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

C: **The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.**

L: And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. Jesus came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

C: **Lord, are you going to wash my feet?**

L: You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

C: **You will never wash my feet.**

L: Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.

C: **Then Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!**

L: Jesus replied, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." Tonight, as we hear this account of Jesus, we are reminded in Mark's Gospel, that Jesus told his followers, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Meditative Singing: Servant Song

♩ = 74

D Em/D D G/D D A7/C# D

1. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant.
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney.
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing,

3 Em/D D G/D D A

Let me be as Christ to you.
 We are broth - ers on the road.
 In the night time of your fear.
 When you laugh I'll laugh with you.

5 G D/F# Em7 D/A A7 Bm

Pray that I might have the grace to
 We are will here to help each oth - er
 I will will hold my your hand out to you,
 I will share your joy and sor - row

7 G D/G Em/G G G/A A7 D

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 Walk the mile and bear the load.
 Speak the peace you this long to hear.
 Till we've seen this jour - ney through.

Matthew 26:21-28

Communion:

All are invited to come forward, take a wafer, dip it in the wine, and eat it. Then feel free to visit the altar for prayer.

Meditative Singing: Eat This Bread

May be sung as an ostinato by omitting verses.

♩ = 80 *p* G C Am D Bm Em DSUS4 D *f*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun- gry.
 Je- sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun- ger.

G D Em Bm C D G *mf*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
 Je- sus Christ, Ris- en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Silent Meditation

Music Meditation

Reading: Matthew 26:29-32

Meditative Singing Stay With Us

♩ = 72 Gm Cm D Gm Dm *mf*

Stay with us, O Lord Je- sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then
 Bleib mit dei- ner Gna- de bei uns, Herr Je- su Christ. Ach,

Gm Eb Cm F Bb Cm Bb F Gm D

stay with us, O Lord Je- sus Christ, light in our dark- ness.
 bleib mit dei- ner Gna- de bei uns, du treu- er Gott.

Litany and Prayer at the Close of the Day

L: O Christ, you went down into the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

P: We praise you Lord!

L: In your love you took upon yourself our sins; innocent, you accepted death to liberate us from death.

P: We praise you Lord!

L: By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live forever at the Father's side.

P: We praise you Lord!

L: You listen to us in your goodness and you visit us in our successes and failures; our joys and sorrows. Fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face.

P: We praise you Lord!

L: Let us pray. Lord, it is hard to imagine the anguish you felt that night.

C: Yet the unwavering kindness and tenderness you had showered on your disciples is equally beyond comprehension.

L: As your hour had come, they argued with you, shared your meal, claimed allegiance to you even if it cost them their lives, but then miserably betrayed and deserted you in your hour of trial.

C: We are no better, even when our trials are less dramatic and difficult. As you reassured your disciples of your unending love, do likewise for us. Remind us that you do not desert us when we fail to be faithful and that, when our hour comes, your compassionate arms embrace us into eternal life. Amen.

Meditative Singing: Bless the Lord My Soul

p
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time. The music is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

p
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs, 4/4 time, marked piano (*p*). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second line of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Depart in Joyous silence: those who wish to linger for continued time of meditation may do so.

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