



Taizé Service for June 24th, 2020

Theme: Holy Other, Holy Am I

One of the hallmarks of Taizé worship is deep silence, along with chanting and contemplative readings. Therefore, during the Taizé service we have several periods of silence and no instructions or commentary. Follow along as best you can.

It is a little different sharing the songs of Taizé this evening: listen, sing, join in as you are comfortable with this beautiful music. Thank you to Adam MacNeil and Cecily Heslett from Central Pentecostal.

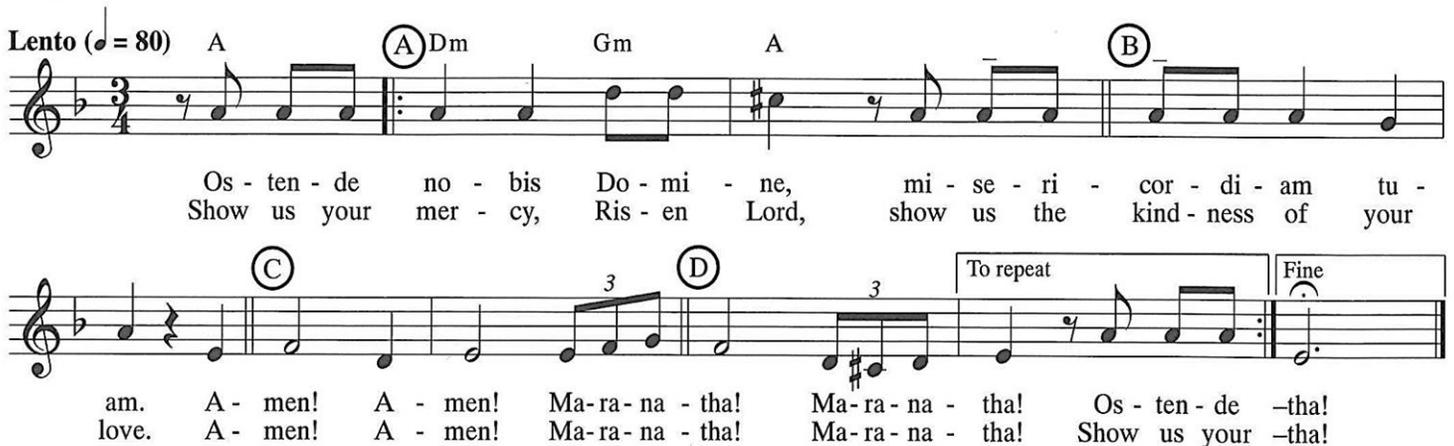
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We wish to acknowledge that we are on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the two rivers. At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of New Credit. May we who dwell on, or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Opening Chant: Show us your mercy

Canon

Lento (♩ = 80)



Os - ten - de no - bis Do - mi - ne, mi - se - ri - cor - di - am tu -
 Show us your mer - cy, Ris - en Lord, show us the kind - ness of your

am. A - men! A - men! Ma - ra - na - tha! Ma - ra - na - tha! Os - ten - de - tha!
 love. A - men! A - men! Ma - ra - na - tha! Ma - ra - na - tha! Show us your - tha!

Opening Prayer

God, we gather together, virtually, in the midst of global crisis: the Covid-19 pandemic and its economic consequences, and the rising up of people in support of Black, Indigenous, and all People of Colour. We gather during Pride month, in solidarity with all people in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. We gather to accept and celebrate the holiness in each one of us, as Jesus did. Bring us, we pray, to a place of quiet and peace, to a place where we can recognize that holiness in ourselves and others.

Amen.

Opening Chant (*recap*): Show us your mercy

Scripture Sentence

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:35-40

Prayer of Remembering

In this season of uprising, as we turn our hearts to a more reflective, contemplative time together, we pause as we begin, to remember. We remember the strugglers and the justice warriors, the passionate, and those whose very lives have been offered and sacrificed to bring about the kingdom of God. Let us lift up, remember, celebrate, and mourn, the Holy Other who lead us in the Way. Let us pray.

We remember all those who have worked to make your church a place of invitation for all people.

We remember those who have fought for 2SLGBTQIA+ equality, black equality, brown equality, and Indigenous equality, under the law and in practice.

We remember those for whom these freedoms are not yet realized. We pray for those who live under the threat of fear of intimidation, oppression, and violence by their neighbours or by governments.

We remember those who fight for equality, today and tomorrow.

We remember that your challenge to love our neighbours will challenge all of us.

We are grateful that your church in this community strives to be a symbol of your all-inclusive love.

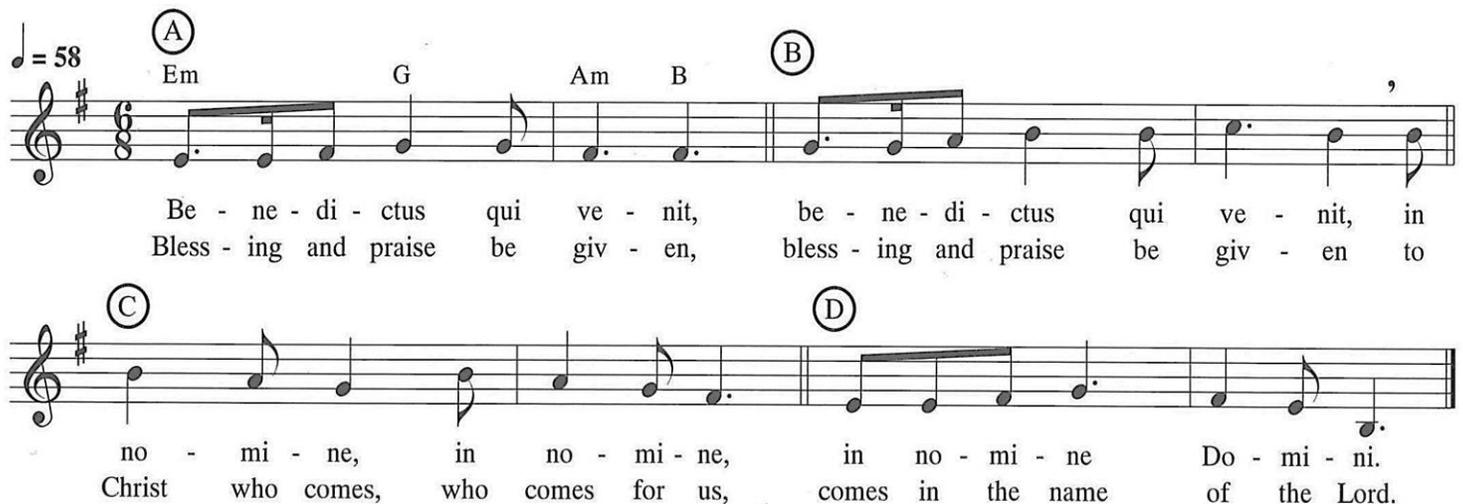
May we, together and individually, be signs of hope, and show our commitment to justice, inclusion, and welcome, to be signs of your love made real in us.

Amen.

(adapted from <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/blogs/news-notes/prayer-pride-sunday>)

We will hold a brief silence between the readings.

Chant of Praise: Blessing and praise



♩ = 58

Ⓐ Em G Am B Ⓑ

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, in
Bless - ing and praise be giv - en, bless - ing and praise be giv - en to

Ⓒ Ⓓ

no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
Christ who comes, who comes for us, comes in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 19: 1-4,7-14

Together we pray Psalm 19, responsively, a psalm that bridges through God's wisdom and justice, the gap between Holy Other and Holy Self. Extending God's love to all we name as Other, we cannot help but recognize holiness deep within each cell of creation.

The web of the world trembles,
the whisper of a great wind passing.
 The caressing of strings makes music,
 its sighs reach the ends of the world.

The stars in the heavens chant the glory of God
pulsing their praise across aeons of space.
 From the soft radiance of a summer dawn
 to the stormy sunset of a winter's evening,
 from the darkest and wildest of mountain nights
 to the stillness of moonlit seas,
the voice of praise is never silent,
yet all without speech or language
or sound of any voice.

The law of God is perfect, refreshing the soul,
the words of God are sure, and give wisdom to the simple.
 The justice of God is righteous, and rejoices the heart,
 the commandment of God is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of God is clean, and endures for ever,
the judgements of God are true, and just in every way.

So they dance as the stars of the universe,
 perfect as the parabolae of comets,
like satellites and planets in their orbits,
 reliable and constant in their courses.

The Wisdom of God – more to be desired than gold,
sweeter than syrup and honey from the comb.
 And by her is your servant taught,
 in the very keeping of her there is great reward.

Who can tell how often I offend?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
 Keep your servant from pride and conceit,
 lest they get the dominion over me.

So may I stand in your presence,
innocent of great offence.
 Let the word of my mouth
 and the meditations of my heart,
 be always acceptable in your sight,
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

Creator God, yearning and striving to bring harmony out of chaos, so fill with your Wisdom the inscape of our being, and so move with the Wind of your presence among the landscapes of our world, that the Earth may reflect the glory and wonder of the universe, and be at peace. Amen.

(Jim Cotter, Prayers for a Pilgrim People)

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-11,13

A reading from the ninth chapter of Matthew's gospel, beginning at the ninth verse.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'

Jesus said to his friends gathered with him, "Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

A Reflective Reading: "The Sharing"

We told our stories — That's all.

We sat and listened to each other and heard the journeys of each soul.

We sat in silence, entering each one's pain and sharing each one's joy.

We heard love's longing and the lonely reachings-out for love and affirmation.

We heard of dreams — shattered — and visions fled.

Of hopes and laughter turned stale and dark.

We felt the pain of isolation and the bitterness of death.

But in each brave and lonely story, God's gentle life broke through

And we heard music in the darkness

And smelt flowers in the void.

We felt the budding of creation in the searchings of each soul

And discerned the beauty of God's hand in each muddy, twisted path.

And God's voice sang in each story

God's life sprang from each death.

Our sharing became one story of a simply lonely search

For life and hope and oneness in a world which sobs for love.

And we knew that in our sharing,

God's voice with mighty breath was saying

Love each other, and take each other's hand.

For you are one, though many, and in each of you, I live.

So listen to my story, and share my pain and death.

Oh, listen to my story

And rise and live

With me.

(Edwina Gateley in There was no path So I trod one.)

Chant of Healing: Come and fill

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 66. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has four measures with chords D, Bm, D, and A. The second system has four measures with chords Em, C, Em, and A, ending with a D chord. The lyrics are: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.' The second system continues with: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Candle Lighting and Healing Prayer

Loving God,
We are living in strange and frightening times.
We know we are not the first people to live in times like these.
Calm our fears, send us your peace.
Inspire us to do good, however that is possible.
Inspire us to fight for justice, each in our own way.
Nothing seems normal, God,
and we need you to assure us that you are here
and we are loved.
Hear us when we call out to you.
Amen.

(Tea and Theology: Hope in Uncertain Times)

One of the most important aspects of Jesus' ministry was healing. The Gospels tell stories of healings of many kinds. For some, healing is liberation from something painful or difficult that holds them bound, for others forgiveness, for others a change that allows them to return to their lives, their families and their communities. Healing involves more than just the physical, as it encompasses relationships, feelings, prejudices, and so much more. Hurts ancient and recent need to be healed. Whatever healing is for you, we pray tonight that God will bless you and those known to you who are suffering.

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

This is God's word, the word of our creator: 'Do not be afraid – I will save you. I have called you by name – you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you.' So come with your fears and your hopes, come with your sadness and your regrets, come with your pain and your doubt, come with whatever faith you have. Whether the storm is around you or within, the Jesus holds you; you are not alone.

You are invited to light a candle as you reflect on the healing you long for in your own life. You are encouraged, also, to pray in solidarity with all who suffer.

Prayer to Enter Silence (from Psalm 132)

Enter into the Silence, into the Heart of Truth;
For herein lies the Great Mystery where life is ever unfolding....

Silent Contemplation. *We sit in silence. The silence begins and ends with a chime.*

Chant of Faith: The Lord is my light

Calmly (♩ = 66)

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

The musical notation is a single staff in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 66 beats per minute. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. Above the staff, there are four circled letters: (A1), (A2), (B1), and (B2), which correspond to the lyrics. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The'. The word 'sal-va-tion' is hyphenated. The word 'The' at the end is followed by a fermata and the word 'fine'.

Reflection After Healing

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(from Lambeth Palace for those who are affected by Covid-19)

Scripture Sentence

Jesus said, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" Matthew 7:1-3

Prayers for the Kingdom: Kyrie

This Kyrie, "God have mercy," is our prayer response and will be sung twice to begin and again between each petition.

Kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison.

O God have mercy,
O God have mercy,
O God have mercy,
have mercy on us.

God of LOVE, we thank you for the Spirits who were trailblazers, moving and shaking people's hearts and minds. Stir up in us that same energy of those who helped pave the way for where our 2SLGBTQIA+ siblings are today. May we never stop expanding the borders of love and acceptance for queer, brown, black and Indigenous bodies.

In Your Mercy | **Hear Our Prayer**

Compassionate Jesus, on the days where this work of justice and reconciliation feel like too much, help lighten our load. Soften our hearts to welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, in all of the bodies in which they encompass. Teach us to learn and relearn, with humility and excitement.

In Your Mercy | **Hear Our Prayer**

Creator God, we marvel in awe of the expansiveness of your creation. Your margins of diversity are boundless, and for that, we thank you. Each of our beloved LGBTQIA+, brown, black and Indigenous siblings are beautifully and wonderfully made, all in Your image. Teach us to love people, just as they are, and embrace their identity fully, as you have embraced us.
In Your Mercy | **Hear Our Prayer**

Weaver of Justice, let us be your hands and feet! May we follow the Spirit's lead and work for justice and equity for our LGBTQIA+, brown, black and Indigenous siblings. In prayer we say Black Lives Matter, Indigenous Lives Matter and that our LGBTQIA+ siblings are made in your image, and we are committed to your ministry of reconciliation.
In Your Mercy | **Hear Our Prayer**

(adapted from Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania <https://ministrylink.org/pride-2020/>)

Closing Prayer

O Great Love,
thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God,
Amen.

(Richard Rohr, prayer for the Center for Action and Contemplation community)

Blessings for Pride

Mekor HaChayim,

Source of Life, You have blessed each of us with Your Spirit. In Your Wisdom, you have made each of us a unique treasure.

M'ayan Chayeinu,

Wellspring of our Lives, cause us to flow with courage, strength, and compassion to live our stories openly, proudly, and joyfully.

Shekhina shel Ahavah,

Presence of Love, You embrace us with Your Love. May we embrace ourselves, our partners, our lovers, our friends, our children, our dear ones with the power of Your *Ahavah Rabbah*, Your Unending, Boundless Love.

Ru'ach HaShalom,

Spirit of Peace and Wholeness, open our eyes to the gifts and blessings we offer and receive from each other; open our hearts to welcome each other fully and truly; open our hands to embrace, to support, to lift each other

b'geela, b'reena, b'shalom, uv'rei-ut

— with joy, with song, with peace, and with deep friendship.

Today, as we celebrate renewal, Pride, and community; as we celebrate the Holy Other and the Holy Am I; let us walk together with strength, compassion, and love.

We bless You, Wellspring of our Lives; May You fill us with joy and sanctity.

Amen.

(<https://www.ritualwell.org/ritual/blessing-pride>)

Keep watch, dear Lord,

with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, sustain the dying, calm the suffering, and pity the distressed; all for your love's sake.

May you rest in God's blessing: Creator, Redeemer, Lover of Solitude,

Amen.

Closing Chant: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

$\text{♩} = 69$

Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F C B♭ A 3

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-
 El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'haç-stat la sal-va-ci-

Dm C F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C *fine* F Dm C

fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the
 ó. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. El Se-