

A photograph of a large tree in silhouette against a sunset sky over a body of water. The tree is on the left side of the frame, and the sunset is in the background, with the sun low on the horizon. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The water is dark and reflects the light from the sunset.

Evening Prayer: Night Prayer

August 26, 2020
September 2, 2020

GATHERING SONG

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.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community

Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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OPENING DIALOGUE

The angels of God guard us through the night, **and quiet the powers of darkness.**
The Spirit of God be our guide **to lead us to peace and to glory.**

O God, most holy and beloved, my companion, my guide upon the way, my bright evening star.
We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence for reflection.

We have wounded your love. **O God, heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness. **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home. **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. **Amen.**

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

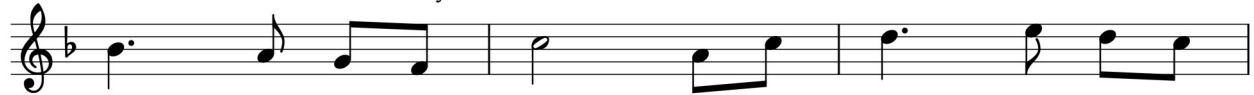
EVENING HYMN God of Day and God of Darkness



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we stand be - fore the
 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the rich op - press the
 3. You shall be the path that guides us, You the light that in us
 4. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our source and you our



night; As the shad - ows stretch and deep - en, Come and
 poor; Still the earth is bruised and bro - ken by the
 burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all peo - ple, Yours the
 end; Praise to you who love and nur - ture As a



make our dark - ness bright. All cre - a - tion still is
 ones who still want more. Come and wake us from our
 love that we must learn. For our hearts shall wan - der
 fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us all a peace - ful



groan - ing for the dawn - ing of our might. When the Sun of peace and
 sleep - ing, so our hearts can - not ig - nore All your peo - ple lost and
 rest - less 'til they safe to you re - turn; Find - ing you in one an -
 rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y mend, So we rise re - freshed to -



just - tice Fills the earth with ra - diant light.
 bro - ken, All your chil - dren at our door.
 oth - er, We shall all your face dis - cern.
 mor - row, Hearts re - newed to king - dom tend.

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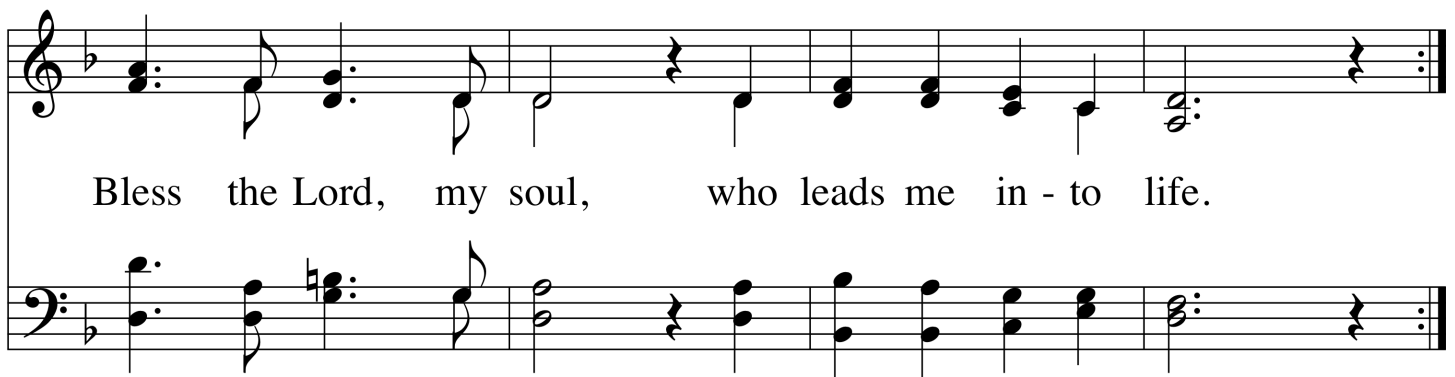
NIGHT PRAYER

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

PSALM 103



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



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

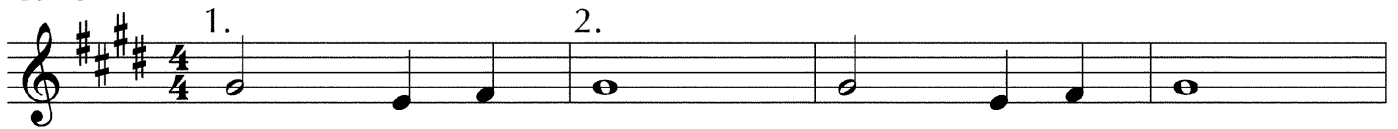
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PSALM PRAYER

Compassionate Father, you forgive all our sins and put them far from us. As an eagle to her young, you nourish and renew us with your tender love. Sustain us each day of our mortal life, that we may seek your healing for all who are in need, and bring us at last with saints and angels to bless and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 46

Canon



Be still and know that I am God.



Be still and know that I am God.

Text: Psalm 46:10; John L. Bell, b.1949

Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949

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PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, our refuge and strength, when raging waters rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Make us still in your presence, and bring an end to war and violence, that all people may dwell in safety along the river that flows in the city of God; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

One or two scripture lessons are read.

Silence for reflection follows the lessons.

RESPONSORY

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

Incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

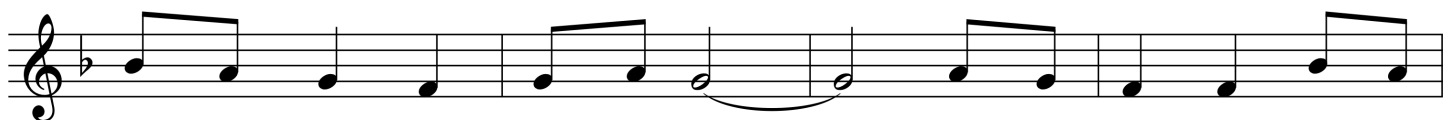
GOSPEL CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS



1. Now, O Lord, dis - miss your ser - vants With your word; give
 2. Light, en - light - 'ning ev - 'ry peo - ple, Glo - ry of your
 3. Child of Mar - y, sign of won - der, By you, man - y



us re - lease. For our eyes have seen sal - va - tion,
 Is - ra - el. Seen in vi - sions of the sag - es,
 rise and fall. In the speak - ing and the si - lence,



Prom - ised ev - er to in - crease. Lord, dis - miss us, Lord, dis -
 Heard in what the proph - ets tell. Lord, dis - miss us, Lord, dis -
 Pierce our hearts and break our walls. Lord, dis - miss us, Lord, dis -



miss us; Now let us de - part in peace.
 miss us; Now in ev - 'ry spir - it dwell.
 miss us; Now, our God, our life, our all.

PRAYERS

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,
4. Lord save us,



1. for free - dom,	for mer - cy:	hear our prayer.	In
2. for cour - age,	for com - fort:	hear our prayer.	In
3. for whole - ness,	for new life:	hear our prayer.	In
4. take pit - y,	light in our dark - ness.		We

to Refrain



1. sor - row,	in grief:	} be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. weak - ness,	in fear:	
3. sick - ness,	in death:	
4. call you,	we wait:	

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I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,
let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,
glorified and exalted above all for ever.

God our Creator, our center, our friend, we thank you for our good life, for those who are dear to us, for our dead, and for all who have helped and influenced us. We thank you for the measure of freedom we have, and the extent to which we control our lives; and most of all we thank you for the faith that is in us, for our awareness of you and our hope in you. Keep us, we pray you, thankful and hopeful and useful until our lives shall end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav-en, hal - lowed be your name. Your
king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give
us to - day our dai - ly bread and for - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of
trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the power and the
glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men. For ev - er. A - men.

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BLESSING

The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. **Amen.**

The peace may be shared by all.

All depart in silence.