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Awakening to the Logos

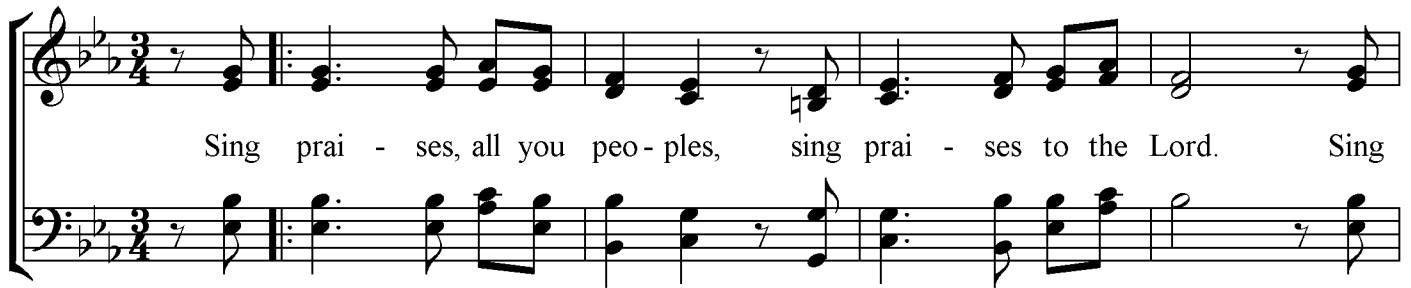
Contemplative Worship in the Manner of Taizé

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*Jesus Christ, Love of all loving, you were always in me and I did not know it. You were there, and I kept on forgetting you.
You were in my heart of hearts and I was looking elsewhere. Even when I remained far from you,
you kept on waiting for me. And the day is coming when I can tell you:
Risen Christ, you are my life: I belong to Christ, I am Christ's.
Brother Roger of Taizé*

Crossing the Threshold

"Sing Praises, All You Peoples"



Lifting Our Eyes

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

"Our Eyes are Turned"

Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

The first system of the musical score is for the song "Our Eyes are Turned". It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ." are written below the treble staff.

Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody. The lyrics "Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior." are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line.

Psalm 25 with "In Te Confido"

O Je - su Chri - ste.

The first system of the musical score for Psalm 25 is in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex, featuring some half notes and a fermata over the word "su". The lyrics "O Je - su Chri - ste." are written below the treble staff.

O in te con - fi - do.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody. The lyrics "O in te con - fi - do." are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line.

Asking for What We Need

John 5:2-9

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made whole?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Rise up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made whole, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

"Spiritus Jesu Christi" ("Spirit of Jesus Christ")

Spi - ri - tus Je - su Chri - sti, Spi - ri - tus ca - ri - ta - tis, con -
 Spi - rit of Christ Je - sus, Spir - it of lov - ing kind - ness, con -

fir - met cor tu - um; con - fir - met cor tu - um.
 firm your heart and keep it; con - firm your heart and keep it.

Intercessions

- God, Creator and Savior, source of peace for the entire world . . . *be our life today.*
- O Christ, you call us to share with others . . . *unite us in your love.*
- O Good Shepherd, you seek those who are lost, you visit the lonely and the abandoned . . . *give them new hope.*
- Comforting Spirit, you place in us hope and joy . . . *fill us with your love.*
- Comforting Spirit, you awaken in us a love that forgives . . . *come to us, Holy Spirit.*
- We pray together: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name . . .*

"Stay with us"

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Centering in God

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved, Light, or Love.

Receiving Holy Communion

"Adoramus Te Christe"

A-do-ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi, qui - a per cru - cem
We a-dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name; tru-ly your cross and

tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum, qui - a per cru - cem
pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing, tru - ly your cross and

tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum.
pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.

"Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Est"

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Receiving a Good Word