



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



Connecting with God, with each other, and with the world

Holy Week Taizé Style Service



ONE OF YOU WILL
betray me.

Please enter in quiet.

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This evening's service is one in which we invite you to enter into the simplicity, rhythm, spirit of the song and scripture shared here tonight. Short prayers, easily repeated chants, and periods of silence. In the words of Brother Roger of the Taizé community, "Often God's voice comes in a whisper, in a breath of silence. Remaining in silence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer."

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The Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome

Collect for Wednesday in Holy Week

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior was betrayed and gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Song—Let Go, Let Be

Instrumental Introduction

Cantor introduces the chant

All sing and repeat 7 times

emin D+9 C+6 D emin

Let go, Let be, And re - ceive the Spir-it in all things.

Psalm 70 *(read responsively by half verse)*

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
*let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.*
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
*let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"*
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

+ **The Readings** +

The First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a:

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Song: My Spirit Rests in You Alone

Instrumental Introduction
 Cantor sings once
 All sing and repeat 7 times
 A moment of silence

E D E bmin7/D c#min D E D

My spir - it rests in You a - lone, All my whole-ness comes from You.

Gospel Reading from John 13:21-32

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do."

Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A Time of Silence for Meditation

Song - Christ before me

Instrumental Introduction

Cantor Verse 1 once through

All Verse 1 twice, Verse 2 twice, Verse 1 twice again.

+ The Prayers +

For our life of prayer - All

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, and in quiet and confidence shall be our strength. We pray that by the might of your spirit you will lift us to your presence where we may be still and know that you are God. Amen.

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal line is on a single staff with lyrics for two parts: (1) and (2). The instrumental accompaniment consists of a piano part with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal staff: dmin, F, G, amin7, and dmin. The lyrics are: (1)..Christ a - bove me, Christ be - low me, (2)..Spir - it a - bove me, Spir - it be - low me, .

B \flat F Gsus G Asus A

Christ all a - round me, Christ with - in,
Spir - it all a - round me, Spir - it with - in,

dmin F G amin

Christ in my sis - ters, Christ in my bro - thers,
Spir - it in my sis - ters, Spir - it in my bro - thers,

B \flat F G amin7 dmin

Christ in cre - a - tion, Christ in all.
Spir - it in cre - a - tion, Spir - it in all.

The Lord's Prayer - All

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction Litany

Leader: On our hearts and in our homes

People: The blessing of God

Leader: In our comings and our goings

People: The peace of God

Leader: In our life and our believing

People: The love of God

Leader: At our end and new beginning

People: The arms of God, to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.

Closing Song: You Shine Within Us

Instrumental Introduction

Cantor sings once through

All sing through 3 times.

dmin amin7/C Bb C

You shine with - in us, when we re - mem - ber.

dmin amin7/C Bb C

You shine a - round us, when we re - mem - ber.

dmin amin7 BbM7 C

And ev - en dark - ness shines in you,

dmin B \flat C dmin amin7
 O Ra - diant One,

The first system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains four measures: a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The lyrics 'O Ra - diant One,' are aligned with these notes. The piano accompaniment is in the right hand, starting with a whole note chord of F major in the first measure, followed by chords of G major, A major, and B major in the subsequent measures. The bass line is in the left hand, starting with a whole note chord of F major, followed by chords of G major, A major, and B major in the subsequent measures.

B \flat C dmin amin7
 O Ra - diant One.

The second system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains four measures: a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The lyrics 'O Ra - diant One.' are aligned with these notes. The piano accompaniment is in the right hand, starting with a whole note chord of F major in the first measure, followed by chords of G major, A major, and B major in the subsequent measures. The bass line is in the left hand, starting with a whole note chord of F major, followed by chords of G major, A major, and B major in the subsequent measures.

You may remain for a time of quiet and prayer. Please depart in silence.

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Credits:

The following Songs were composed and published by Kristopher Lindquist and appear on his CD *Let Go, Let Be Chants for Meditation and Celebration*, © 2009.

- ◇ Let go, Let be
- ◇ My Spirit Rests in You Alone
- ◇ Christ Above Me
- ◇ You Shine Within Us

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