

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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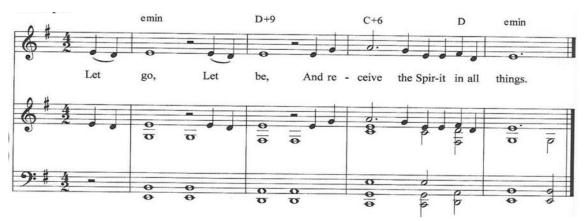
The Lighting of the Altar Candles Welcome

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



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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

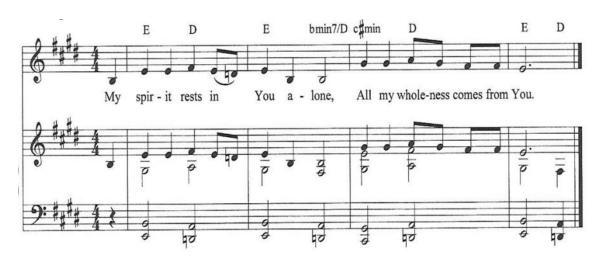
People: Thanks be to God

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Song: My Spirit Rests in You Alone

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



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

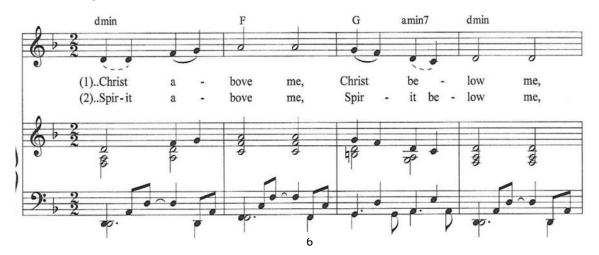
Song - Christ before me

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 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 thie 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

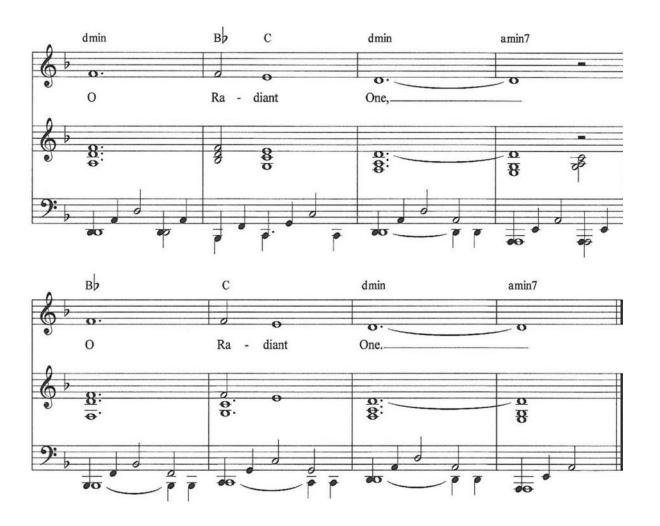
Leader: At our end and new beginning

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.





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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