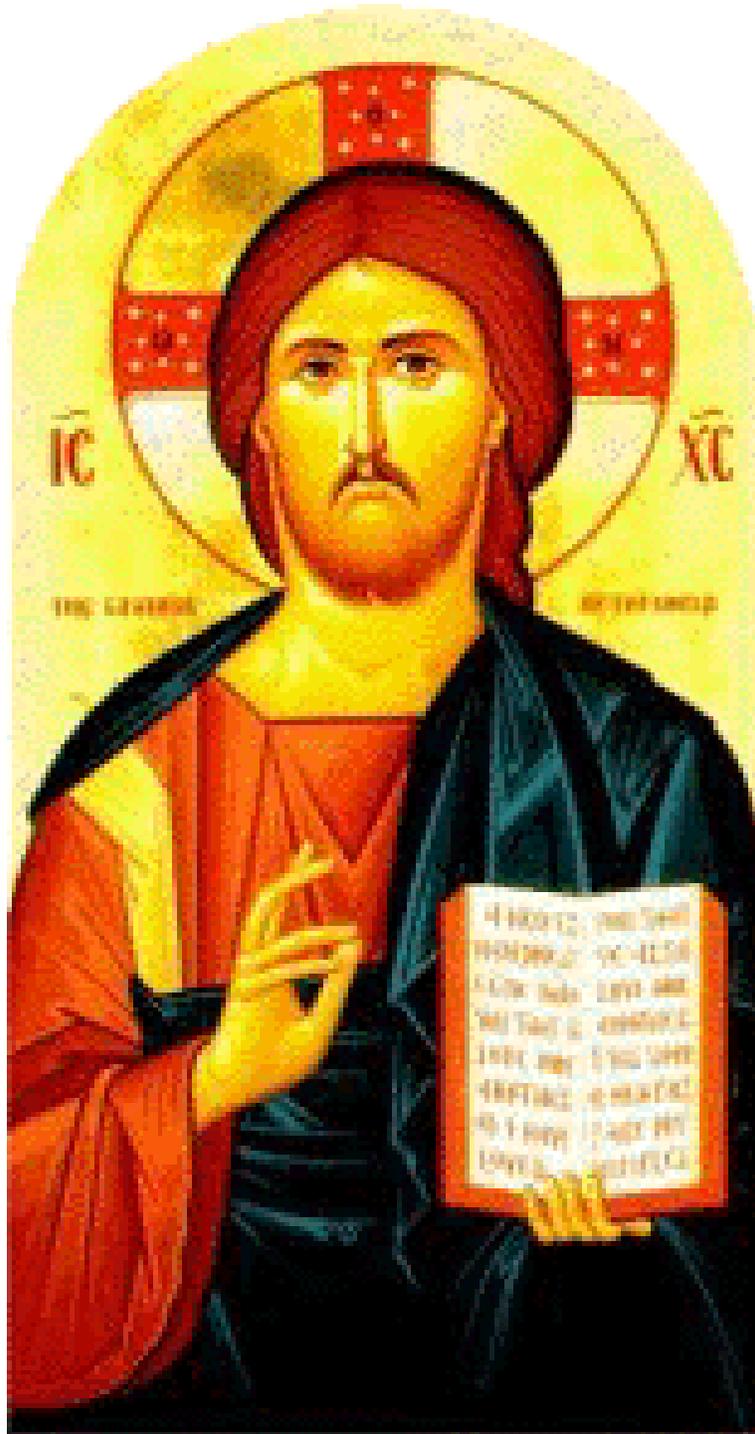


Advent Taizé Meditation



2 Peter 3:8-15a ✠ December 9, 2020

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen**

P We confess that we have been unfaithful. Like dry leaves and withered grass our lives are blown about by our sins and by the powers of evil all around us. Let us approach the throne of grace that the light of God's face may shine on us that we may be saved.

(Remain kneel or remain seated as you so choose)

Cantor



O Christ, thou Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sin of the world: Have mer-cy up- on us.

All



O Christ, thou Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sin of the world: Have mer-cy up- on us.



O Christ, thou Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sin of the world: Grant us your peace



A - men

P God is patient and not wanting any to perish but desires all to come to repentance. Through Christ, you are set free from all that imprisons you and your sins are forgiven. God heals your broken heart that we may live in harmony and peace as together we wait for the day of God.

The peace of Christ be with you!

Instrumental C Fmaj7 F G Em C Bb Am G

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we
 2. Is hea - ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will
 pray, "Your will be done." May Ad - vent blue to us for -
 Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -
 tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.
 light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

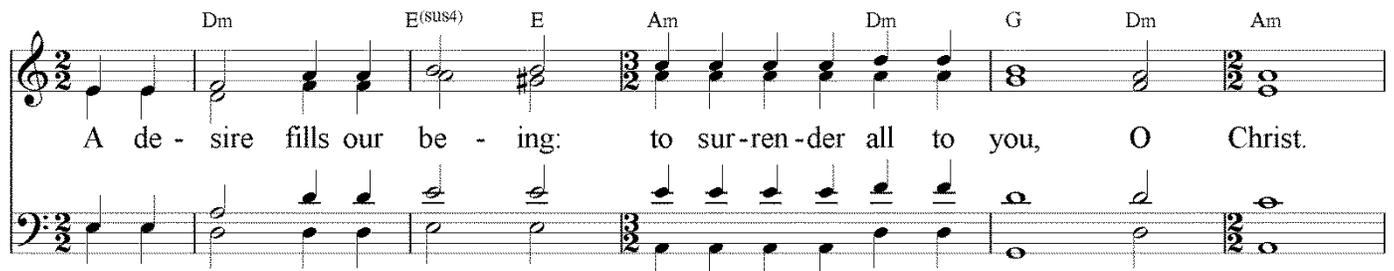
Instrumental C Fmaj7 F G Em C Bb Am G

3. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground watch - ing for the
 rain. We could de - cide to sit and wa - it, as Je - sus
 we an - ti - ci - pate. *Instrumental*
 4. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is
 both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall
 do. May Christ re - turn and find us
 true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

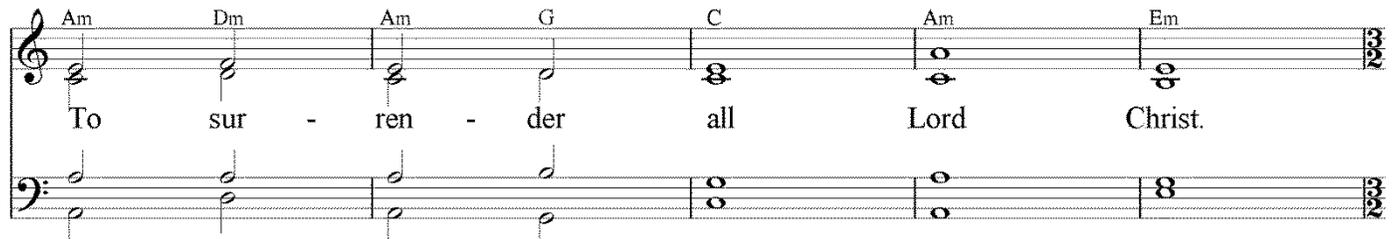
P In a world of shadows,
C we see illumination.
P As we wait in the night,
C we look for sunrise.
P Surrounded by fear,
C we hold fast to God's promise.
P We wait with hope for Christ's return,
C for the dawn of peace and justice.
P The voice of one crying in the wilderness says:
C prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

Prayer

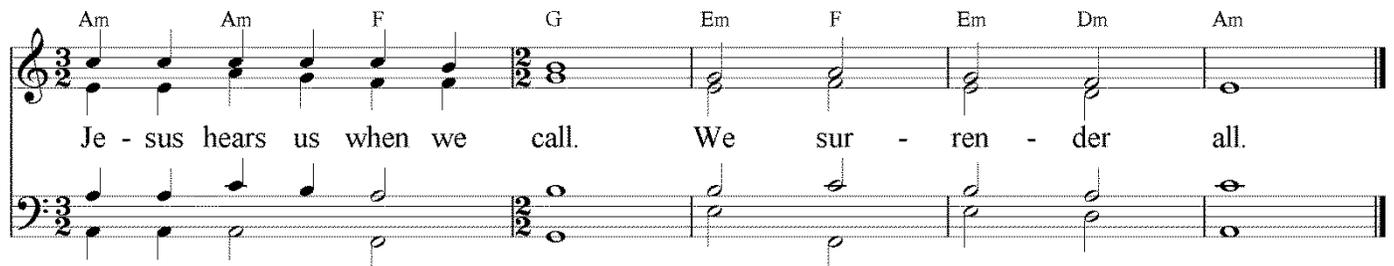
A Desire Fills Our Being To Surrender All to You



A de - sire fills our be - ing: to sur - ren - der all to you, O Christ.



To sur - ren - der all Lord Christ.



Je - sus hears us when we call. We sur - ren - der all.

2 Peter 3:8-15

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. 14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reflection questions. You are invited to ponder the questions in your own manner (in silence, in discussion with others, in journaling):

- *What word, image or phrase stand out for you in this reading?*
- *What in your life requires patience?*
- *What are you waiting for?*
- *How might you prepare the way of Christ's coming?*

O Word of God

Ricky Manalo

Musical notation for the first line of the song. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, Bb, and C. The lyrics are: "O Word of God, come in - to this".

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, Bb, C, and F. The lyrics are: "space. O Word of God, come send us your grace."

Musical notation for the third line of the song. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Gm7, C, Am, and Dm. The lyrics are: "O - pen our minds; show us your truth."

Musical notation for the fourth line of the song. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, C, and Dm. The lyrics are: "Trans - form our lives a - new."

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Silence for Reflection

Below are quotes, poems and scriptures for you to contemplate.

O Lord, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely eucharistic, revived with joy.

Mary, grasped and seized by the Spirit,
speaks of God's coming into the world,
of the advent of Jesus Christ.

For she knows better than anyone else what it means to wait for Christ.

She waits for him in a way unlike anyone else.
She awaits him as his mother.

She knows about the mystery of his coming,
about the Spirit that is at play here,
about the almighty God who works his wonders.

She experiences in her own body
that God's ways with humans are wonderful,
that he isn't bound by human standards,
that he doesn't follow the path that humans like
to lay out for him—
that his way is
beyond all understanding,
beyond all proof,
free, and
with a mind of its own.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Advent is about a hope already come. As truly as Mary carried God's Word within her womb, so we bear within the mystery of our lives the hope that quenches the thirsts this world cannot. We, too, bear the incredible imprint of Jesus Christ, whose presence among us revealed humankind's purpose. Jesus, who is God in the flesh of humanity, verified that humanity was created to be in the spirit of God's divinity. To count on the substance of that certainty is the essence of hope and the reason for human nobility.
Father John McIlhon

"A prison cell, in which one waits hopes and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent." Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Father source of light in every age, the Virgin conceived and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be your people's joy through the ages. May her response, born of a humble heart draw your Spirit to rest on your people. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

~Saint Augustine

Give Peace in Our Time, O Lord

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Give peace in our time, O Lord. in our hearts, in our homes, in our land, in our world. Give peace in our time, O Lord." The chords for the first system are A, Dm, C(sus4), C, F, C, F, Bb, C. The chords for the second system are Gm, C, F, C, Gm7, Dm, Bb, A.

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P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant ✠ you peace.

C **Amen**

Links to explore further:

Websites to light a virtual candle (links can be clicked if viewing bulletin on device): <https://gratefulness.org/light-a-candle/>
<https://www.contemplativespace.com/resources/>

Explore icons of Mary Mother of our Lord
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFxqKp6_9sc

Taizé Monastery France Live Stream
https://www.taize.fr/en_article28227.html

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