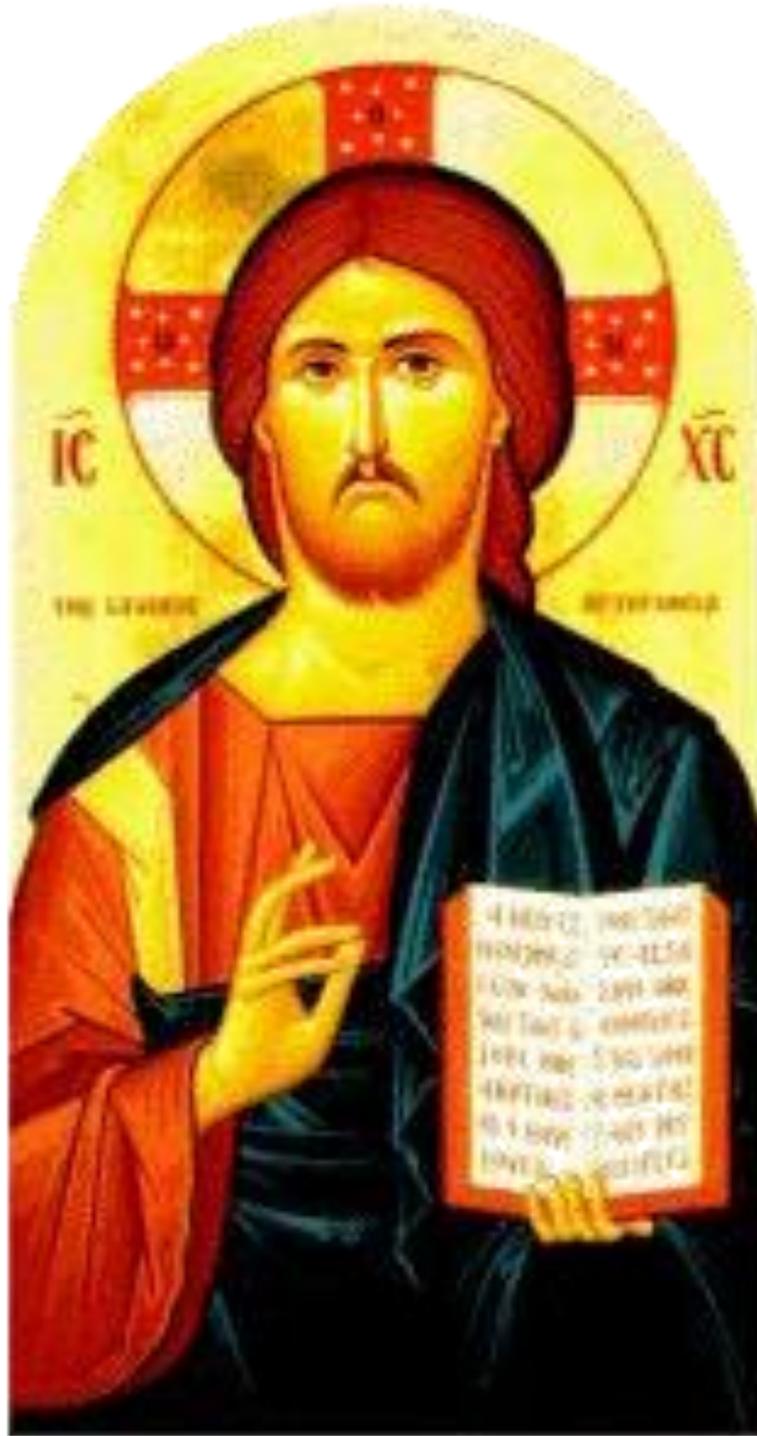


Advent Taizé Meditation



Luke 1:26-55 ✦ December 23, 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 To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
C be glory forever and ever.

Prayer

Kyrie Eleison

E Am D G C Am B A⁷ B

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison'. It is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' The bass line starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: E, Am, D, G, C, Am, B, A7, B. There are slurs over the 'Am D' and 'G C' pairs in both the vocal and bass lines.

E Am D G C Am Em B Em

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison'. It continues the vocal and bass lines from the first system. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' The chord symbols above the vocal line are E, Am, D, G, C, Am, Em, B, Em. There are slurs over the 'Am D' and 'G C' pairs in both the vocal and bass lines.

Luke 1:26-55

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.'³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

46 And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

- he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
- ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
- ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
- ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
- ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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?*
- *The angel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." Where might you leave fear behind?*
- *How does worship of God give you clarity of vision?*
- *How will you magnify the Lord today?*
- *Where has God lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry, and helped with mercy?*

God of Hope, God of Healing

Bernadette Farrell

♩ = 66

God of hope and God of heal - ing, make us
now your liv - ing sign. Re - cre - ate us for your
pur - pose in this place and in this time.

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Silence for Reflection

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

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

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

The Collect for Christmas – O God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature; grant that we may share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

Nada te turbe

Am D7 G Em 1F Dm⁶

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te, es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth ing can fright - en Those who seek God shall

E Am 2F Dm⁶ E Am

na - da le fal - ta So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing God a - lone fills us.

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

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COVER ART: *Christos Pantokrator, "Christ the Ruler of All Things,"* Greek Icon.
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