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Christ Church Cathedral

New Year's Worship

IN THE STYLE OF THE
Taizé Community

Saturday, December 31, 2022 — 5:30pm



Contemplative worship with prayer, scripture, silence and chant invites us into God's presence in the depths of our inner self.

Let us be still and know that God is God.

Welcoming Music of the Renaissance & Baroque played on Recorders

Welcome

Opening Prayer

O God of all times and seasons, we gather this night to hear your Holy Word, sing your praise and ask your continued blessing in the time of this New Year. As we gather in this new season, renew in us a desire for peace and unity among all people, and give us, we pray, the grace to act upon that desire. We make our prayers in the name of the One who makes all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

Gathering Chant *Ubi caritas*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978
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Silence

A Reading from the Word of God

Isaiah 65: 17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Silence

Chant Response

Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Text: Psalm 103; Taizé Community
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Silence

A Reading from the Word of God

Revelation of John 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me:

"It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

"To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.
Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God,
and they will be my children."

Silence

Chant Response

Sanctum Nomen Domini

San-ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul,

a - ni - ma me - a. San-ctum no - men Do - mi - ni
prais-ing God ev - er-more. Ho - ly is the name of God.

ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Sing out my soul, giv - ing praise to God.

Text: Luke 1; Taizé Community
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Silence

Prayers of Intercession with *Kyrie*

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. (hum)

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*The cantor chants the Kyrie once alone.
The people then chant it here and after each petition.*

☪ In this new season, hear our prayer for the holy church of God; that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord of Hope.

☪ For all bishops and other ministers and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord of Grace.

☪ For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ; that our divisions may cease, and all may be one, we pray to you, O Lord of Unity.

☪ For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith; that they may receive the Good News of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord of Light.

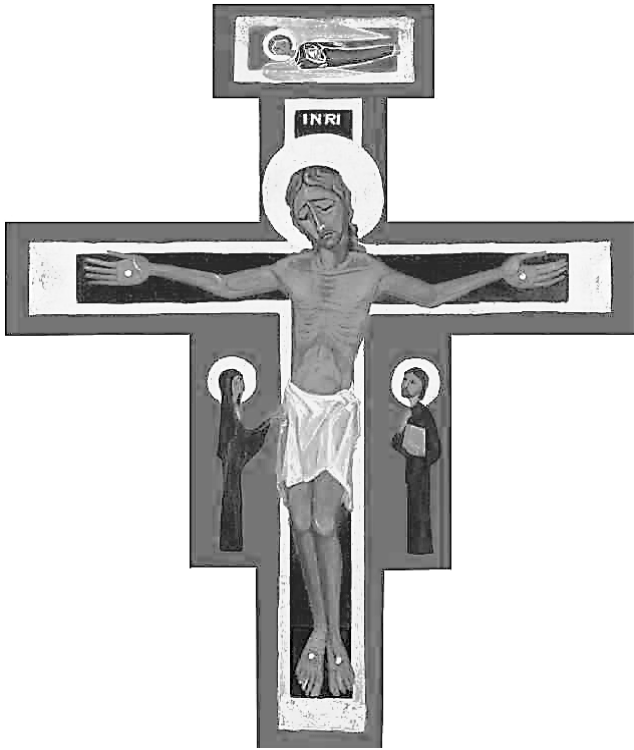
☪ For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord of Peace.

- ☩ For those in positions of public trust; that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord of Wisdom.
- ☩ For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord of Healing.
- ☩ For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors; that —being freed from anxiety— they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord of Love.
- ☩ For ourselves; that we may hear and perceive with new hearts and minds your truth, we pray to you, O Lord of Humility.
- ☩ For all who have died in the communion of your church, and those whose faith is known to you alone; that —with all the saints— they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord of Life.

The Lord's Prayer

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.



Prayers at the Foot of the Cross

During these two chants and the silence in between, all are invited to come forward and pray —kneeling or standing— in the glow of the candlelight. Please make way for your neighbors.

Chant Wait for the Lord, whose day is near

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
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Silence

Chant

Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re,

Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.
ne lais - se pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re,

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

Text: Psalm 139; Taizé Community
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Concluding Prayer

Most gracious and merciful God, you have redeemed us and made us a new people in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who begin this New Year in His name may complete it to His honor and glory and come at last to that heavenly country where there is no more hunger or thirst, strife or division, and where the tears are wiped from every eye. We pray in the name of the One who is the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Concluding Chant

Jubilate, servite



1. Ju - bi - la - te De - o 2. om - nis ter - ra.
Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!

Text: Psalm 100, *Rejoice in God, all the earth, Serve the Lord with gladness*; Taizé Community, 1978

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Thank you for coming to worship this evening.

*After the service, please follow the piper to the side aisle
for a toast with sparkling non-alcoholic beverages.*

*Make sure to allow those behind you to reach the table, too,
before forming conversational clusters.*

This Evening's Worship Leaders

Arianna Aerie — Cantor

Arianna is a soloist and section leader at Saint Peter's Episcopal in Ladue and has performed as soloist with the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus, Bach Society of Saint Louis, and *Collegium Vocale* of Saint Louis. Well-versed as a performer of early music, she is equally comfortable on the jazz stage, having toured nationally with the Oikos Ensemble. Arianna and her husband have two young children, who mostly only wanted to hear her sing "Skidamarink."

David Sinden — Piano

A critically acclaimed organist and choral conductor, David serves St. Peter's, Ladue, as Organist and Director of Music and previously served five years in the same role at St. Paul's, Capitol Square, in Richmond, Virginia. He was Artistic Director of the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale from 2013-2015. His ten-hour performance of John Cage's *ASLSP/Organ2* in September 2012 is believed to be the longest performance by a single musician in Richmond, Virginia. He has also served churches in Indiana and Ohio. He and his wife, recorderist Anne Timberlake, also have two young children.

Lura Koch — Recorders

Lura is a musician who enjoys performing on a variety of instruments. Tonight, for the Taizé service, she is playing Renaissance and Baroque music on recorders, including soprano and alto. In addition, she composes for native American flutes and Tibetan singing bowls.

Officiants, the Rev. Susan Skinner and Mr. Jerry Cooper, serve on the board of Confluence: A Center for Spirituality, a "roofless" community dedicated to helping people deepen and enrich their spiritual lives by providing opportunities and resources for spiritual formation. Please "like" us on Facebook and visit our website confluencespirituality.org to learn about our pilgrimages and retreat opportunities.



A Toast to the New Year!

After the service, follow the piper to the side aisle for a toast with non-alcoholic sparkling juice.

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Gifts placed in the offering plate to help defray expenses will be most gratefully received.

Checks payable to "Confluence."



*Blessings to you and yours: Joy & Health,
Peace & Strength for all good works in 2023.*



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