



Halcyon Oratory Service

March 22, 2023

Musical Prelude

Opening Sentence

In the name of God the Father, Earth the Mother, and the divine child that grows in the womb of our hearts.

The Collect

God be with you.

And with you

Let us pray:

O Lord our God, you sustained your ancient people in the wilderness with bread from heaven: Feed now your pilgrim flock with the food that endures to everlasting life; through Christ your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the
El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se -

Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -
nyor el me - u cant. Ell m ha es - tat la sal - va - ci -

fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is
ó. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc

near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
por. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por.

Reading *Vision 1:2* by Hildegard of Bingen

[God speaks to Hildegard in a vision:] I, the highest and fiery power, have kindled every spark of life ... I, the fiery life of divine essence, am aflame beyond the beauty of the meadows, I gleam in the waters, and I burn in the sun, moon, and stars. With every breeze, as with invisible life that contains everything, I awaken everything to life. The air lives by turning green and being in bloom. The waters flow as if they were alive. The sun lives in its light, and the moon is enkindled, after its disappearance, once again by the light of the sun so that the moon is again revived ... And thus I remain hidden in every kind of reality as a fiery power. Everything burns because of me in the way our breath constantly moves us, like the wind-tossed flame in a fire.

Song *Bless the Lord my soul* Brother Roger of Taize

World Scripture *Acts 2:1-12a*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not

all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed

Silence for Reflection

And now as we enter the silence together, may we listen. May we listen as the mind is stilled, may we listen for the deeper thoughts, the promptings of the Spirit. ~~~~~

With-in our darkest night, you kindle a fire that never dies a -
way, nev-er dies a - way. Within our darkest night, you kindle the
fire that never dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.

Meditation *The Fire of Love* by Richard Rolle

The nature of love is that it is diffusive, unifying, and transforming. It is diffusive when it flows out and sheds the rays of its goodness not merely on friends and neighbors, but on enemies and strangers as well. It unites because it makes lovers one in deed and will, and draws into one Christ and every holy soul. He who holds on to God is one in spirit with him, not by nature, but by grace and identity of will. Love has also the power of transforming, for it transforms the lover into his Beloved, and makes him dwell in him. Thus it happens that when the fire of the Holy Spirit really gets hold of the heart it sets it wholly on fire and, so to speak, turns it into flame, leading it into that state in which it is most like God....

Intercessions

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

We pray for the earth, all living beings, and that we may learn to care for and protect nature of which are a part.

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to me.

We pray for our beautiful blue and green planet, our home: that we may hear her cry of the damage done and be moved to protect her life for future generations.

O Lord, hear our prayer: when I call, answer me ...

We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

O Lord, hear our prayer, ...

We pray that the human community both near and far may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time.

O Lord, hear our prayer: when I call, answer me ...

We pray for the world: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given.

O Lord, hear our prayer, ...

We pray that our leaders and all of humanity may be good neighbors to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all of life.

O Lord, hear our prayer, ...

Blessing or Caim Prayer

Circle me, Lord
Keep love within, keep strife without
Keep hope within, keep despair without
Keep peace within, keep harm without.
May it be so.

Musical Postlude