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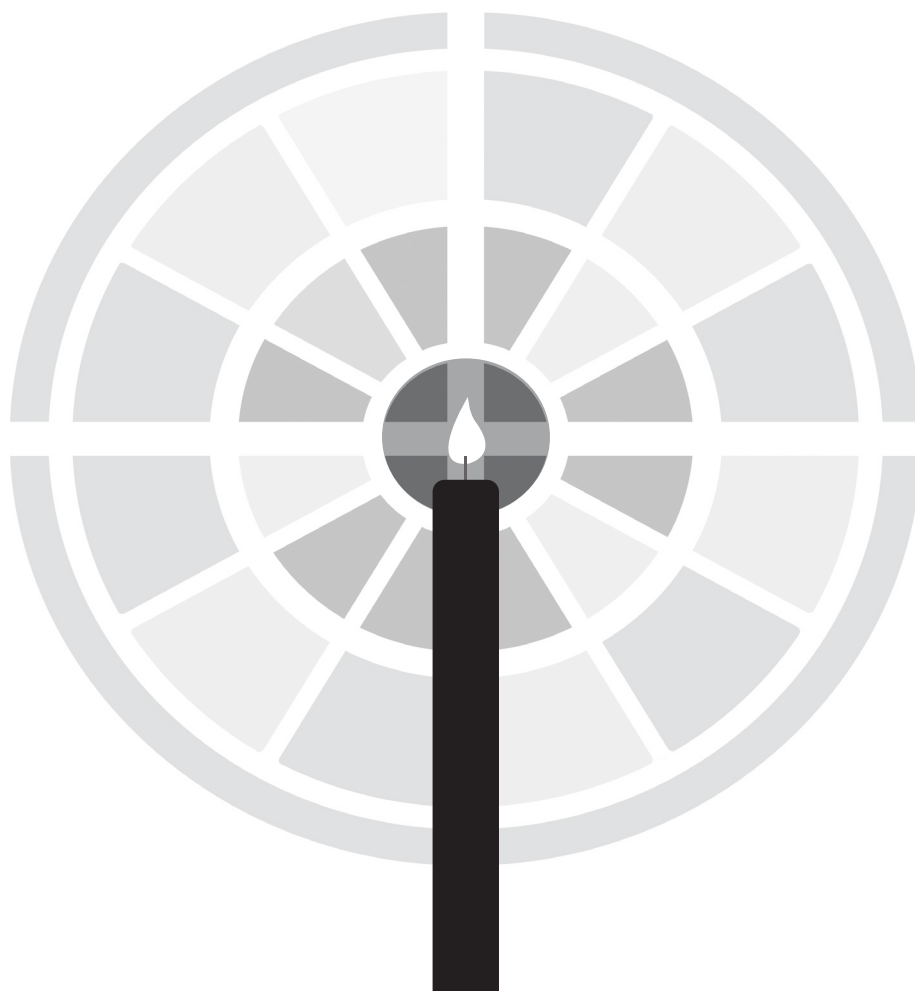
CANDLELIT PRAYER

with music from

TAIZÉ

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

7:00 PM



Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral and this service of Taizé Prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

If you are new to Saint Mark's and would like to learn more, please consider completing a newcomer form found in the pew rack, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

GATHERING SONG *Let all who are thirsty come*

WORDS: Revelation 22:17b, 20b

MUSIC: Taizé

Let all who are thirst-y come. Let all who wish re-ceive the wa-ter of life—

free - ly. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. Let

PSALM*Psalm 36:5-10 ♦ read by all in unison**The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 632*

YOUR love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart. ♦

SONG*Wait for the Lord*

WORDS: cf. Psalm 27:14

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

READING*Revelation 1:9-16 (Common English Bible)*

I, JOHN, your brother who shares with you in the hardship, kingdom, and endurance that we have in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and my witness about Jesus. I was in a Spirit-inspired trance on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice that sounded like a trumpet. It said, "Write down on a scroll whatever you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

I turned to see who was speaking to me, and when I turned, I saw seven oil lamps burning on top of seven gold stands. In the middle of the lampstands I saw someone who looked like the Human One. He wore a robe that stretched down to his feet, and he had a gold sash around his chest. His head and hair were white as white wool—like snow—and his eyes were like a fiery flame. His feet were like fine brass that has been purified in a furnace, and his voice sounded like rushing water. He held seven stars in his right hand, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword. His appearance was like the sun shining with all its power. ♦

THE GREAT SILENCE

All are invited to remain seated in silence, for yourself and others, and enter into an extended period of meditation.

SONG*Magnificat*

WORDS: Luke 1:46

MUSIC: Berthier

Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat, Ma - gní - fi - cat á - ni - ma

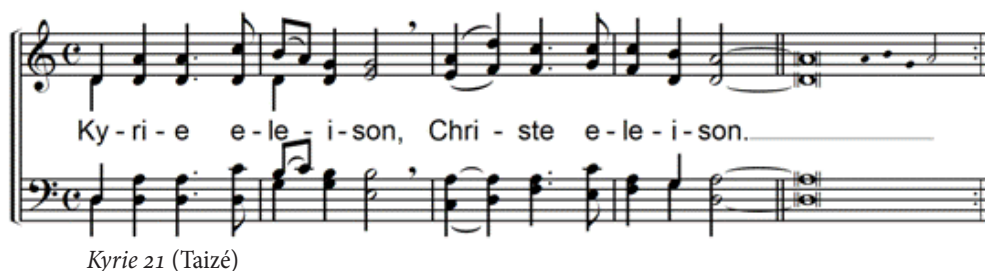
me - a Dó - mi - num. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat,

Ma - gní - fi - cat á - ni - ma me - a!

Translation: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People*, ed. Gail Ramshaw



A cantor intones the Kyrie; then all repeat it.

The intercessor offers the prayers, and all respond by singing the Kyrie when indicated.

Intercessor We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more. Let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. Let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. Let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. Let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. Let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

(“Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison” is Greek for “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.”)

CANDLE LIGHTING

All are invited to bring the prayers in your heart to Christ, symbolized by lighting a single candle in the candle bowl. Please place your candle as close to the center as possible, working outward as more candles are added.

SONG DURING CANDLE LIGHTING *Within our darkest night (Dans nos obscurités)*

WORDS: Taizé
MUSIC: Berthier

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the soprano part, and the bass part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are in English and French. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are in English and French.

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
Dans nos obs - cu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -

way, that nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
mais, qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos obs - cu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le

fire that nev - er dies a - way, that nev - er dies a - way. (With - in our dark - est)
feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais. (Dans nos obs - cu - ri -)

SONG DURING CANDLE LIGHTING *Prepare the way of the Lord*

WORDS: Luke 3:4, 6

MUSIC: Berthier

Canon

1. Pre - pare the way of the Lord. 2. Pre- pare the way of the Lord, and

3. all peo- ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. 4. Pre -

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*prayed by all*)

Parker Palmer, ad.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
holy and blessed is your name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
we pray that your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need,
give it to those who have not enough.
Let forgiveness flow between us.
Deliver us from evil.
For yours is the power and the glory
and the mercy now and forever. Amen.

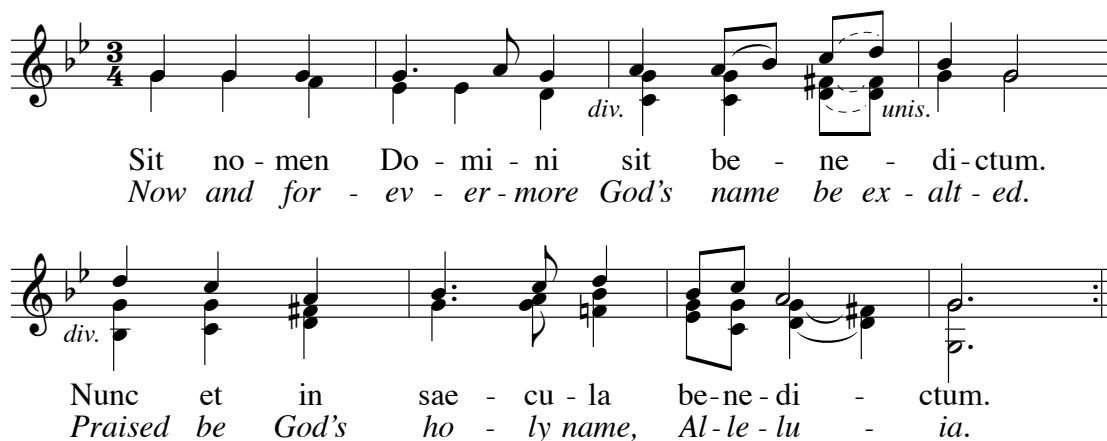
CLOSING PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 259

OMERCIFUL Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG *Now and forevermore (Sit nomen Domini)*

WORDS: Psalm 113:2
MUSIC: G. F. Handel, arr. Taizé



Sit no - men Do - mi - ni sit be - ne - di - ctum.
Now and for - ev - er - more God's name be ex - alt - ed.

Nunc et in sae - cu - la be - ne - di - ctum.
Praised be God's ho - ly name, Al - le - lu - ia.

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