



DRAW NEAR: CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM, MAY 5, 2024

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

St. Paul's Cathedral is a vibrant Episcopal church in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Deeply rooted in the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's is the spiritual center of the Diocese of Oklahoma. We are committed to being a place for all who seek and share God's unconditional and abundant love, which calls us to comfort and stand with the vulnerable and each other. All are invited; all are welcome.



Our service tonight is inspired by the manner of worship practiced at the monastery in Taize in southwestern France. It is intended to be ecumenical, inviting all to draw near to God through chant, scripture, candle lighting, and deep silence. There are many resources about Taize prayer offered online that you may use anytime. To learn more, visit www.taize.fr/en

As the community gathers, all are invited to settle in silence. You may remain seated throughout the entire service.

We are glad you are here. Please scan below for welcome information.



WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

This and each song will repeat for several minutes. All are invited to join in the singing.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM 98 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm ***
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp, ***
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world ***
and the peoples with equity.

All standing.

THE LESSON

John 15:9-17

Officiant: Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

CHANT

Love is lit-tle, love is low. Love will make our spi - rit grow.

The first line of the chant is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Love is lit-tle, love is low. Love will make our spi - rit grow."

Grow in peace, grow in light; love will do the thing that's right.

The second line of the chant continues the melody from the first line. It begins with a measure rest marked with a '5' above the staff. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Grow in peace, grow in light; love will do the thing that's right."

THE GREAT SILENCE

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

CANDLE LIGHTING

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

SONG

Leader:

All:

1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus,
2. No friend like him is so high and ho - ly, no, not one! No not one!
3. There's not an hour that he is not near us,

Leader:

All:

5

None else could heal all our soul's dis - eas - es,
And yet no friend is so meek and low - ly, no, not one! No not one!
No night so dark but his love can cheer us,

9

Je - sus knows all a - bout our struggles; he will guide til the day is done;

13

There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus, no, not one! No not one!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant says

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYERS

The Officiant says

Be present, Spirit of God,
within us, your dwelling place and home,
that this house may be one where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed in your suffering,
and all dying glorified in your risen life.

Amen.

Where is the source of hope and joy for us? We find it in you, God of love, who never stops searching for us and finds in us the profound beauty of the human soul. **Amen.**

CLOSING CHANT

I will sing to the Lord my whole life long, I will
wor-ship my God as long as I live, for the Lord brings joy to his
peo - ple; for the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

FINAL VERSICLE

The service concludes

Officiant The divine Spirit dwells in us. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The congregation is invited to remain in the Cathedral for silent prayer and meditation.

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online.



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Those serving today:

Officiant

The Rev. Omar Cisneros

Musicians

St. Cecilia Singers, Mary Reynolds, Director

Come sing with us! The Saint Cecilia Choir needs singers. Our music is easy, and our rehearsal schedule is light! Contact Mary Reynolds at mrshartelavenue3@gmail.com

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