



In the Spirit of Taize
ADVENT REFLECTION
December 11, 2020

PRELUDE: Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

OPENING SONG: WAIT FOR THE LORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 26:1-6

Sister Mary Melady (Chicago, IL)

On that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah:

“A strong city have we;

he sets up victory as our walls and ramparts.

Open up the gates

that a righteous nation may enter,

one that keeps faith.

With firm purpose you maintain peace;

in peace, because of our trust in you.”

Trust in the LORD forever!

For the LORD is an eternal Rock.

He humbles those who dwell on high,

the lofty city he brings down,

Brings it down to the ground,

levels it to the dust.

The feet of the needy trample on it—

the feet of the poor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

SPOKEN RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

Abbey Algiene, Oblate (Pueblo, CO)

Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

SPOKEN RESPONSE: Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Paula Kowalkowski, Oblate (Chicago, IL)

INTERCESSIONS

Mary Cunningham and Kathlyn Myers, Oblates (Chicago, IL)

You are invited to join in the spoken response from your location.

SPOKEN RESPONSE: Lord, hear our prayer

LIGHT

You are invited to join in prayer and song from your location during the lighting of the candles.

The Lord Is My Light

Theme I

1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
2. God I trust, in God I trust.

Last time

Theme II

1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
2. God I trust, in God I trust.

Last time

The themes may be sung separately or together, in unison or in canon.

SILENT PRAYER

During this time of silence, sit with the Lord.

Let God gaze upon you with unconditional love.

You are a beloved child of God—believe it...know it...feel it—as you sit in this silence.

OUR FATHER

Sr Judith Murphy (Chicago, IL)

Please join in prayer and song from your location to pray for peace in our lives and in our world.

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

CLOSING SONG: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

MUSICIANS

Paula Kowalkowski – Cantor/Soloist

Siobhan O’Neill Meluso – Cantor/Soloist

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Maureen Kaucher - Piano

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