

Welcome

Stilling Music: Chopin Prelude Raindrop

O the Word of my Lord

Chorus: Oh the Word of my Lord, Deep within my being.
Oh the Word of my Lord, You have filled my mind.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you through and through
I chose you to be mine
Before you left your mother's side I called to you, my child, To be my sign

I know that you are very young, but I will make you strong
I will fill you with my word, and you will travel through the land
Fulfilling my command, which you have learned.

Isaiah 49: 3 - 6

God says to us, God's people, " You are my dear servant, through you I want to shine." God formed us in the womb to be God's servant, To bring God's people back and to gather the nations in God's love. This God says: It is not enough for you to be my servant, To be inward looking as a people, merely relating and focussing on those who are like yourselves. That's not a big enough job for you. I'm setting you up as a light for the **nations** So that my new life becomes **global**.

This is the Word of God.



Pause

Psalm 39: 2 – 10

Response: In your love we trust.

I waited patiently for the Beloved,
who heard my cry and came to me.
Love raised me from the pits of despair, out of confusion and fear,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. R.

There is a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to the Beloved.
Many may see and rejoice; may they put their trust in Love. R.

Sacrifice and offering are not your desire for us;
for you have opened our heart's ear.
Burnt offerings are not required. My heart affirms my surrender;
in the Book of Life it is written: "I abandon myself into your hands,
for I love You and wish only
to create with You, O my Beloved R.

Pause

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1: 1-3

We, ambassadors of God, called together as a worshipping community, send our greetings. May God our Creator and Jesus, the Chosen One, send each of us grace and peace – and send grace and peace through us, to all who seek light in the midst of darkness.

This is the Word of God.

Pause

ALL Alleluia, Alleluia. O my Beloved, you are the Life of my life forever.
Alleluia.

The Gospel of John 1:29 – 34

The very next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and shouted out, "Here he is, God's Passover Lamb! He forgives the sins of the world! This is the man I've been talking about, 'the One who comes after me but is really ahead of me.' I knew nothing about who he was – only this: that my task has been to get the people ready to recognise him as God's Self-Expression, so that you can get a fresh start with God.

The One who authorised me to baptise with water told me: 'The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' That's exactly what I saw happen, and I'm telling you, there's no question about it. *This* is the Son of God."

Quiet Music before Lectio Haydn Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Maj. Adagio

Eucharistic Song: Welcome to the Table

Gather around for the table is set. Welcome and take your place.

Wide is our circle with Christ at the heart, Sharing our sacred space.

Chorus: This is the banquet open to all, Spirit to nourish life
Here at this meal, here in this place, Gratefully we receive.
Calling forth adults the table to share, Co-celebrating as one.
The gift of each table our daily prayer,
The chant of thanksgiving is sung.

Eucharistic Prayer: Incarnation

Preface: Side 1 Blessed are you Holy Spirit of God,
embodied presence throughout the entire creation,
incarnating new life in every embodied form,
from the vast galaxies to the tiny specks of dust.

Side 2 Blessed are you, radiant light of new life,
evolving energy in every life-form,
from cosmic emergence to creative humans,
to birth, liberate, and empower a spirit of hope.

Side 1 Blessed are you when the promise is fulfilled,
when Spirit radiates the energy of life,
and the spirit of Jesus confirms all that is unfolding,
while disciples are missioned to proclaim new life.

Side 2 Blessed are we, embodied creatures of the earth,
called to embody on earth the living Spirit of God,
whose energy sustains every life-form,
evoking in our hearts words of gratitude, as we acclaim:

***Holy, Holy ... Let all that is within me cry Holy (x2).
Holy, Holy, Holy is the source of our being.***



Side 1 Guiding light, illuminating the entire creation,
may we follow where your Holy Wisdom leads.
Bless our footsteps with wisdom and protection
and keep us mindful of the earth's nurturing hospitality.
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may we follow where your Holy Wisdom leads.
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and keep us mindful of the earth's nurturing hospitality.

Side 2 May our footsteps be light upon the earth we walk.
May our imprints leave neither damage nor scars.
May we be ever grateful for the gift of daily food,
and for the nourishing life we celebrate at our Eucharistic
table

First Invocation:

ALL: This is the table upon which we now invoke the wisdom of the
Creative Spirit, that we may recognize once more
the transformative energy which endows these gifts of bread and wine,
given to nourish and sustain us into the fullness of life.

Invoking the Memory of Tradition

C & D: Gathering the disciples around the table of abundant life,
Jesus took bread, blessed you God of all good gifts,
broke the bread, and along with the cup, handed it
to those seeking nourishment, with these words:
Take this all of you, eat and drink,
Take for your nourishment the food of eternal life.

C & D: After the meal, Jesus took another cup,
poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment.
Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup with his friends, saying:

Take this all of you and drink from it;
This is the cup of my life-blood,
the life of the new and everlasting covenant.
In prophetic solidarity, it is poured out for you and for all.
Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

Eucharistic Acclamation: *Let all that is within me cry Blessed (x 2).
Blessed (x 3), is the source of our being.*

Side 1 Evolving source of the unfolding universe,
we behold in all that surrounds us the elegance and
birthing forth of your creative power.
From the rising of the sun till its setting,
all creatures great and small adorn creation
with the variety and diversity of life in abundance.
Touch our hearts with gratitude for all we have received,
and open us to the future of new possibilities,
amid the inspiring creativity of the abundant creation.

Second Invocation

ALL: In the inclusive gathering of this Eucharistic meal,
we gratefully acknowledge the Spirit who dwells in our midst.
In the power of that same Spirit may we be united as one,
as we seek to heal the brokenness around us, and restore to creation
the wholeness for all to flourish.

In Union with . . .

Side 2 So grant that in union with all peoples, living and dead, we
may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are
diminished,
where peace and justice are restored, and where all
creatures can live in health and well-being, united in
acclaiming the Great Spirit,
who confers on all creation the energy that empowers, and
the grace to sustain the health and wholeness of every
living being.

Doxology:

This prayer we make in the name of our incarnational, birthing God,
creating new life in the power of Trinitarian love, so that all may grow and
flourish in a spirit of life made new, this day and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

O Cosmic Householder, Source of our wisdom, protector and provider,
embracing all that dwells in the Heavens, naming all for holiness and justice,
in the Companionship of Empowerment,

spread throughout the entire creation, as willed by Holy Wisdom.

In justice, may all be sustained by daily food,
and relieved of the burden of crippling debts.

Lead us not into collusion with any type of violence,
and deliver us from all forms of violent oppression.

For yours is the empowering desire to radiate on earth
the non-violent justice of enduring hope.

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Sign of Peace: “Peace and Light to you, and through you, to all in darkness.”

Prayer for the Road Ahead

As you step into this new year, May you do so
gently,

Without the weight of needing to become
someone else.

May you trust that the life already given to
you is enough to begin from.

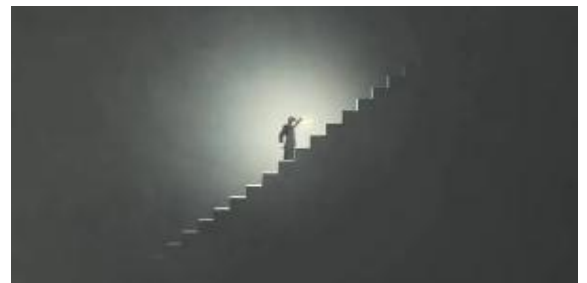
May what is unfinished in you Remain open rather than rushed,
And may what is growing be given time.

May you learn to listen more deeply: To your body, To your longing,
To the quiet movements of grace.

And when the way feels unclear, May you remember this:

You are not walking alone.

May this year meet you With tenderness, With truth,
And with a quiet heart open to God.



Concluding Prayer

Notices

Chorus: Oh the Word of my Lord, Deep within my being.
Oh the Word of my Lord, You have filled my mind.

And everywhere you are to go, My hand will follow you
You will not be alone, In all the danger that you fear
You'll find me very near, Your words my own.

With all my strength you will be filled You will destroy and build,
For that is my design, You will create and overthrow,
Reap harvests I will sow, Your word is mine.