

Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Contemplative Eucharist - November 26, 2017

Welcome

Veni Sancte Spiritus

A musical score for the hymn "Veni Sancte Spiritus". It consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal melody, marked *pp* and "Melody:", with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The middle and bottom staves are the piano accompaniment, marked *pp* and "Harmony:", with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and the same key signature. The time signature is 6/8. The first measure of the piano part is marked with the chord "A", and the second measure is marked with "Bm7/A". The lyrics are: "Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus." repeated across the two staves.

As the ostinato continues, vocal and instrumental verses are sung or played as desired with some space always left between the verses (after the cantor's "Veni Sancte Spiritus").

Two verses of the hymn "Veni Sancte Spiritus" for a cantor. The music is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps and a 6/8 time signature. The first verse is marked "Verses" and "Cantor:". The lyrics are: "1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus." The second verse has the lyrics: "2. Come, Fa - ther of the poor, come, gen - er - ous Spir - it, come, light of our hearts. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus." The music includes rests and phrasing slurs to indicate the structure of the verses.

Text: *Come Holy Spirit*; Verses drawn from the Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978
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Psalm 100

Read responsively.

Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with celebration!
Come before him with shouts of joy!

Know that the LORD is God—
he made us; we belong to him.
We are his people,
the sheep of his own pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks;
enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!

Because the LORD is good,
his loyal love lasts forever;
his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Silence

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [25:31-46].
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left. “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’ “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence, and Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and common time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O". The piano accompaniment includes chord markings: G, C, Am⁶, B, Em, C⁶, D, G⁶, Am, B, Em. The final two systems of the piano part are marked "Last time" with a fermata symbol.

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982
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Intercessions

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, pausing for silence between petitions, and then offering spoken prayers as inspired to do so.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the leader says:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and to do. In God there is forgiveness. Let us confess our sins.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The celebrant says

Through the cross of Christ, may God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Eat this Bread

Musical notation for the first part of the Eucharistic prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry."

Musical notation for the second part of the Eucharistic prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Above the treble staff, guitar chords are indicated: G, D, Em, Bm, C, DSUS4, D, G. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

We offer gifts of money, bread and wine to show that all we have and all that we are comes as a gift from God.

The Holy Communion

It is recommended that people stand as they are able throughout the following prayer.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of

the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Celebrant invites the people saying

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you.

Administration of the Sacrament: At Ascension, all are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Come to the communion station and receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.

The ministers say the following words:

The Spirit of Christ, the bread of life.
The Spirit of Christ, the cup of life.

The communicant may respond each time
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Jesus and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

The Blessing

Ubi Caritas

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

F C Dm Gm C 3 F

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The second system includes guitar chords (F, C, Dm, Gm, C, F) above the vocal line, which includes a triplet of eighth notes. The bass line continues with accompaniment.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.