

Jesus in Prayer before the Crucifixion

Confession

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me; because the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). Above the staff are the chords Am, G, F, Am, G, F, and C. The melody starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note F, a half note G, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a quarter note F, and a quarter note C. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). Above the staff are the chords Am, F, G, C, Am, and G. The melody starts with a half note Am, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a quarter note C, a half note Am, and a quarter note G. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two parts: 1. For what we have done and left un - done, we fall on Your count-less mer - cies. For sins that are known and per -fect - ly lived, we praise You. 2. For what You have done, Your life of love, You Though tempt - ed and tried, You

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those un - known, we call on Your name so ho - ly. For
fixed Your eyes, You fin - ished the work God gave You. And

en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes, for scon - ing our ver - y
there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, You bled for a world's be -

neigh - bor. In thought word and deed we've failed You our King; how
tray - al. You loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend: how

deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *f* Lord have mer - cy,
pure and for - ev - er faith - ful.

Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Spirit of God, stir our minds, open our hearts, and free our voices so we can come to you with our authentic selves, bearing our soul, our joy, our anxiety, our pain, our longing, and our hope. As you heard and responded in grace and love to the prayers of your faithful servants, Hannah, Jonah, Nehemiah,

Peter, Cornelius and your Son, our Savior, Jesus, so we, too long for you to hear and respond to our prayers this night. Come, Lord, let us sit together now with you and find peace and contentment in our conversation. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark

Narrator Jesus Peter Judas

- Narr: And having sung praises they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus told them that they will all become offended by the Gospel, because it is written,
- Jesus: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' [Zech 13:7] But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."
- Narr: But Peter said to him,
- Peter: "Everyone else may become offended by the Gospel, but I will not."
- Narr: And Jesus said to him,
- Jesus: "Truly, I say to you, today, this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."
- Narr: But Peter said vehemently,
- Peter: "If it is part of God's plan that I die with you, I will not deny you."
- Narr: And all of the disciples said the same thing. And they came into a place called "Gethsemane;" and Jesus said to his disciples,
- Jesus: "Sit here while I go and pray."
- Narr: And Jesus took Peter and James and John along with him. And Jesus began to be greatly amazed and agitated. And he said to them,
- Jesus: "My soul is very sad, even to death; remain here, and keep watch."
- Narr: And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said,
- Jesus: "Abba, Father, all powerful are you, remove this cup from me; but not what I will, but what you will."
- Narr: And Jesus came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter,
- Jesus: "Simon, you are sleeping! You do not have the strength to keep watch for one hour.

Keep watch and pray that you may not come into temptation. On the one hand the spirit is willing, but on the other, the flesh is weak."

Narr: And again Jesus departed to pray, saying the same words again. And returning again to the disciples he found them sleeping, for their eyes were being weighed down; and they did not know what to answer him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is handed over into the hands of the sinful. Get up, let us be going. Behold, the handing over of me is near."

Narr: And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived. With him there was a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. The one handing him over had given them a signal saying,

Judas: "The one I kiss, it is him; grab him and lead him away securely."

Narr: And as soon as they arrived Judas went to Jesus and said:

Judas: "Rabbi!"

Narr: and kissed him. And they laid their hands on Jesus and grasped him. But one of those standing near, having drawn his sword, struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. And responding Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Throughout the day I was with you in the temple teaching and you did not lay hold of me. But this is so that scriptures be fulfilled."

Narr: And forsaking him, all of them fled. And a certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a burial cloth, and they grasped him, but having left the burial cloth, he fled naked.

Silence & Kyrie

Refrain Sung 3x by Congregation

The musical notation is for a congregational refrain, consisting of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. Above the treble staff, the chords G, C, am, D, bm, em, am, D, and G are indicated. The lyrics are "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

G C am D bm em am D G

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor Verses

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, you were sent to heal the contrite, have mercy on us.*
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, you came to call all sinners, have mercy on us.*
- 3. Lord Jesus Christ, you intercede for us, have mercy on us.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew

Narrator Jesus Judas

Narrator: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator: Jesus took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. As they walked away from the other disciples together Jesus became grieved and agitated.

Jesus: My life is grieved to death. Stay here and keep watch with me!

Narrator: And going a little farther, he fell face down on the ground praying,

Jesus: "My Father, take this cup away from me if taking it away will make your power known. Yet do not do what my will wants, but what you have willed to be done.

Narrator: Coming back to the disciples Jesus found them sleeping. So, Jesus he said to Peter,

Jesus: I see you were not strong enough to keep watch even for one hour with me. Keep watch! And pray so that you may not come into the time of trial. For, the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: A second time Jesus went off to pray saying,

Jesus: "My Father, if it is not possible to avoid drinking this cup then your will be done."

Narrator: Coming back to the disciples, Jesus found them sleeping again, for their eyes were very heavy. Leaving them a third time Jesus prayed the same Gospel Word again. Coming back to the disciples again Jesus said,

Jesus: "You are still sleeping and taking your rest?? Behold, the hour is drawing near! The Son of Man is handed over into the hands of sinners. Get up! Lead on! Look, the one handing me over is coming closer."

Narrator: As Jesus was saying this, behold, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, came into Gethsemane. Along with him he brought a large crowd with swords and clubs. They

had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Judas, the one who was handing Jesus over, had given the crowd a sign, saying,

Judas: “Jesus is the one with whom I will be friendly. Take hold of him!”

Narrator: And Judas came right up to Jesus and said,

Judas: “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator: And Judas gave an affectionate kiss to Jesus.

Jesus: “Comrade, you have arrived.”

Narrator: Then the crowd came over to Jesus and laid hands on him and seized him. And behold, one of the disciples reached out his hand from his cloak, withdrew his sword and cut off the ear of the slave of the high priest. Jesus said to this disciple,

Jesus: “Put your sword away! For, everyone who took the sword will be destroyed by the sword. Don’t you think that I have the power to ask my Father for help and he will immediately send me more than 12,000 angels? But if my Father did this, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is all an essential part of God’s plan?”

Narrator: Then Jesus said to the crowds who had seized him,

Jesus: “So, you have come out with swords and clubs to seize me like a robber even though I was just in the Temple all day teaching? Why didn’t you seize me there? I’ll tell you why; because all this happens so that the scriptures of the prophets are fulfilled.”

Narrator: Then all of Jesus’ disciples deserted him and ran away.

Silence

Prayer Hymn

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Scripture Reading

Luke

Narrator Jesus John & Peter

Narrator: Jesus came out of the place where they were dining and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives. The disciples followed him. When he reached the place he said to them,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Yet, not my will, but yours be done!"

Narrator: When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief.

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him.

Jesus: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are handing over the Son of Man?"

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

John & Peter: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

Jesus: "No more of this!"

Narrator: And Jesus touched his ear and healed him.

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the authority of darkness!"

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house.

O Lord Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Chorale

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

Prayers from the Taizé Community . . .

P : Jesus our hope, in you we find the consolation with which God comes to flood our lives, and we understand that, in prayer, we can bring everything to you, entrust everything to you.

P : Jesus our peace, by your Gospel, you call us to be very simple, very humble. You cause to grow within us an infinite gratitude for your constant presence in our lives.

P : God of consolation, even when we feel nothing of your presence, still, you are there. Your presence is invisible, but your Holy Spirit is always within us.

P : Holy Spirit, you have a call for every one of us. So come, prepare our hearts to discover what it is that you expect of each of us.

P : God of compassion, disconcerted by the incomprehensible suffering of the innocent, we pray for those who are experiencing times of trial. Inspire the hearts of those who seek the peace that is so indispensable for the whole human family.

P : God of consolation, you burden yourself with our burdens, so that we can move forward at every moment, from anxiety toward trust, from shadows toward light.

C: Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past, and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest in surety, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

C: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John

Narrator Jesus Crowd

Narr: After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, the one handing him over, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was happening to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: "Whom are you looking for?"

Narr: They answered,

Cong: Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus: "I am he."

Narr: Judas, the one handing him over, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they retreated and fell on the ground. Again, he asked them,

Jesus: "Whom are you looking for?"

Narr: And they said,

Cong: Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus: "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." (This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.") Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Narr: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police seized Jesus and bound him.

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
 Eb Bb Cm Eb Ab Bb7 Eb

1 A - bide with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide. The dark-ness
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day. Earth's joys grow
 3 I need thy pres-ence ev-'ry pass-ing hour. What but thy
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless. Ills have no
 5 Hold then thy cross be - fore my clos-ing eyes. Shine through the

(G) (D) (Em) (E7) (A) (D) (A) (Bm) (D)
 Ab Eb Fm F7 Bb Eb Bb Cm Eb

deep - ens; God, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way. Change and de - cay in
 grace can foil the tempt-er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? Where,
 gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morn-ing breaks, and

(G) (B7) (Em) (A7) (D) (Bm)(Em)(D/A)(A7) (D)
 Ab C7 Fm Bb7 Eb Cm Fm Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

fail, and com-forts flee, help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.
 all a - round I see. O thou who chang-est not, a - bide with me.
 guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sun-shine, O a - bide with me.
 grave, thy vic - to - ry? I tri-umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 earth's vain shad-ows flee. In life and death, O God, a - bide with me.