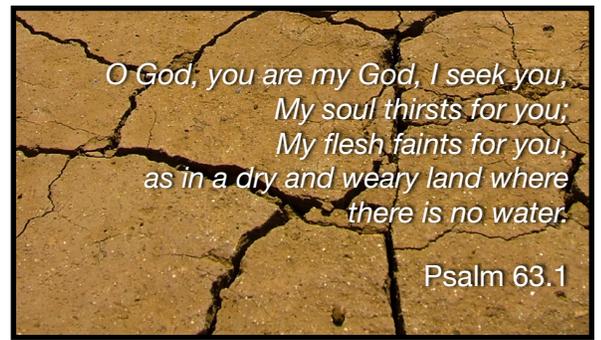


August 2, 2020 "O God, You Are My God"
(Psalm 63)

Contemplatives: Loving God through Adoration



OPENING CHANT

"In God Alone My Soul" — from Taizé,
based on Psalm 62:5-6, sung by the Choir

Refrain

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
In God alone my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.*

WELCOME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**
Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

#903 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" — from Taizé, sung by the Choir

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.*

"Our job as humans is to make admiration of others and adoration of God fully conscious and deliberate."
—Richard Rohr

"What are our lame praises in comparison with His love? Nothing, and less than nothing; but love will stammer rather than be (silent)."
—Robert Leighton

WORDS OF GRACE (based on Psalm 103:11-12)

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.
Amen.

MEDITATING ON GOD'S GRACE

Brief Silence, ending with "Lord Jesus Christ" — from Taizé, sung by the Choir

Refrain

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us,
let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us,
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

TIME OF DISCOVERY

SCRIPTURE Psalm 63

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Lord God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honor you in our thoughts, our words, and our actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDE AND DEPART IN SILENCE

"When you accept the fact that sometimes seasons are dry and times are hard and that God is in control of both, you will discover a sense of divine refuge, because the hope then is in God and not in yourself."
—Charles Swindoll

As you receive the elements, you may wish to receive them in silence or say words like "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

As you leave Second, live each day by leaving a meaningful legacy for your life: be rich toward God.