

READING Luke 9.51-58

As the time approached when he was to be taken up to heaven, he set his face resolutely towards Jerusalem, and sent messengers ahead. They set out and went into a Samaritan village to make arrangements for him; but the villagers would not receive him because he was on his way to Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went on to another village.

CHANT

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

MEDITATION

Jesus, fellow traveller and friend,
you step out boldly on your journey,
chiding our fickleness and fear.

As you mark out the road ahead,
consecrate us as your companions,
so that we keep you in our sight
as our pattern and our guide.

Teach us to tread your paths of service,
granting us courage to follow you, even to the foot of the cross,
to the place where, in pain, the glory of your way is revealed.

Clare Amos

Chri-ste Sal-va-tor, Fi-li-us Pa-tris, do-na no-bis pa-cem.

WE PRAY

after each prayer we sing:

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Come, let us turn to the Lord.....
Lord, we watch and wait for your Kingdom.
Teach us to walk in the way of your Son,
Gladden the hearts of your people.....
Lord, we watch and wait for your reign of peace.
We pray for people of Ukraine, Russia, Syria and all the Middle East
May all nations lay aside the ways of darkness and put on the armour of light.....
Lord, we watch and wait in your saving presence.
Be in our communities, places of work, and all the centres of education and learning.
Draw us to seek the good of all.....
Lord, be with all who watch and wait by the side of someone they love.
We pray for all who are alone, fearful and anxious
Lord, we watch and wait this Passiontide for your coming in glory.....

The LORD'S PRAYER followed by SILENCE

CHANT

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

deep - est night is clear as the day - light.
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.

(Am) (G) (C) (Dm6) (Esus) (E)
Bm A D Em6 F#sus F#

Lord,
 it is night.
 The night is for stillness.
 Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has
 been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done;

let it be.

The night is dark.
 Let our fears of the darkness,
 of the world
 and of our own lives
 rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
 all dear to us,
 and all who have no peace.
 The night heralds the dawn.
 Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys,
 new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING Deep peace of the running wave to you
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
 Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you

CHANT

Stay with us O Lord Je-sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then
 stay with us O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark-ness.

WELLS CHURCHES TOGETHER

TAIZÉ PRAYER 

With numerous Old Testament exhortations to ‘welcome the foreigner in your midst’ and Jesus’ own assertion that when we welcome a stranger we welcome him (Mt 25. 35), the Bible is unequivocal about our response to refugees. In any case, as the novelist Khaled Hosseini said “Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, with the same hopes and ambitions as us – except that a twist of fate has bound their lives to a global refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale.”

Almighty and merciful God,
 whose Son became a refugee
 and had no place to call his own;
 look with mercy on those
 who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.
 Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire
 generosity and compassion
 in all our hearts;
 and guide the nations of the world towards that day when
 all will rejoice
 in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus
 Christ our Lord.
 Amen

CHANT

How bless - ed the poor in heart, for ___ theirs___ is the king - dom of heaven

