



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

8:45 a.m. + January 5, 2025 + Epiphany Sunday

*Epiphany, dear friends, is the feast of contemplatives in the Church, in all the world religions, and in humanity....
At the culmination of the Christmas season is the feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means revelation.
What revelation? Each of us is manifesting God, or at least we have the potential of doing
so along with every other creature....*
Thomas Keating

Crossing the Threshold

Beginning with Joy

"Raise A Song of Gladness"

Musical score for "Raise A Song of Gladness" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two circled letters 'A' and 'B' above it. The lyrics are: "Ju-bi-la-te De-o om-nis ter-ra. Ser-vi-te Do-mi-no. Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come, bring-ing peace, in lae-ti-ti-a. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, in lae-ti-ti-joy to ev-'ry heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-'ry a! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, in lae-ti-ti-a! heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-'ry heart!"

Singing Praise

"Laudate Omnes Gentes"

Musical score for "Laudate Omnes Gentes" in B-flat major, 3/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Lau-da-te om-nes gen-tes, lau-da-te Do-mi-num. Lau-Sing prai-ses, all you peo-ples, sing prai-ses to the Lord. Sing da-te om-nes gen-tes, lau-da-te Do-mi-num! Lau-prai-ses, all you peop-ples, sing prai-ses to the Lord! Sing"

Searching in the Night

"By Night We Hasten"

p

By night we has-ten, in dark-ness, to search for liv - ing wa - ter,

p

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

5 *mf*, *pp*

on-ly our thirst leads us on - wards, on-ly our thirst leads us on-wards. By

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. It starts with a measure rest labeled '5'. The music continues with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics continue below the staves.

Living In Faith

"I Am Sure I Shall See"

I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the land of the liv - ing.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the staves.

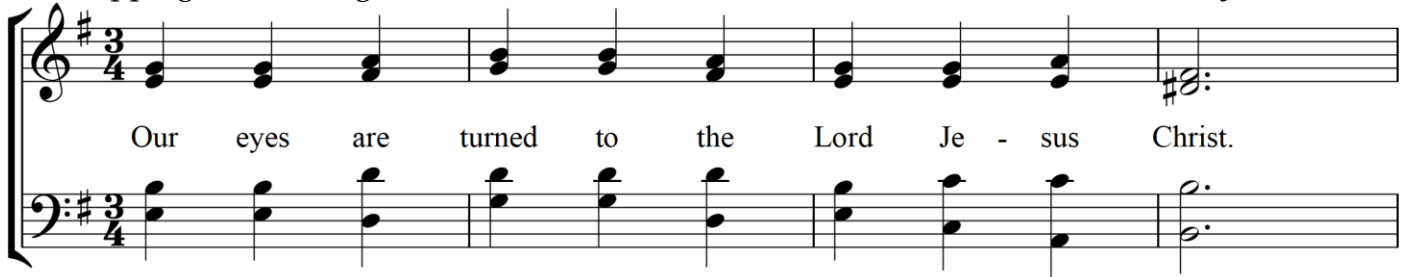
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Yes, I shall see the good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am

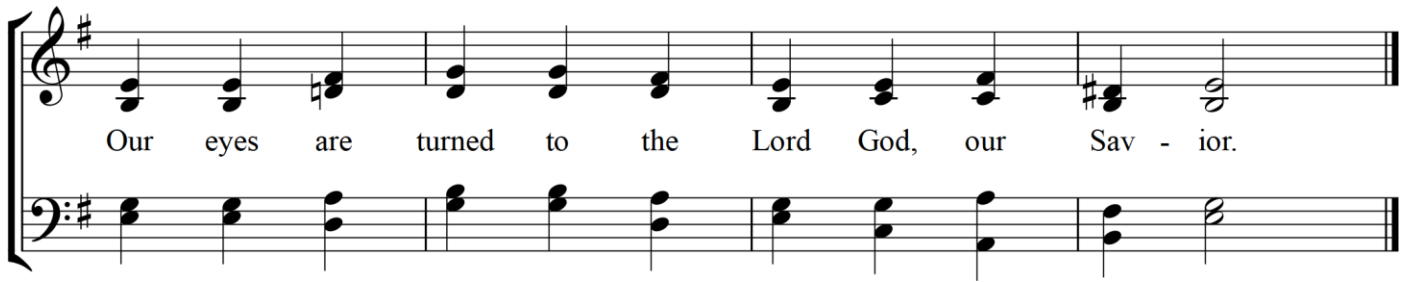
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Worshipping at the Manger

"Our Eyes are Turned"



Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.



Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

Praying to Become Wise

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*I will be your wise one, led by wisdom and discernment, your star, not mine.
 I am a sovereign of my own choices, among your royal priesthood. I offer you my power.
 You are the star I follow, with my eye on your light, every day.
 I am always seeking, never too complacent to ask, to observe, to discern, to wonder,
 looking for your light in this world, in those I meet, in my own dark sky.
 I am not deterred by weariness, the unknown, the strangeness, the settledness of others.
 I seek the child, the tender, the hope, the small, amid the strong and violent.
 I bear valuable gifts. This is the reason I am in this world. I kneel and offer treasure, every day.
 I know my quest threatens the powers of might, and I am not afraid, and do not collude with them.
 I am not afraid to find another road, always seeking, open to the new. Lead me.*

Living with Simple Trust

"The Lord Is My Light"

Theme 1



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Theme 2



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Centering in the Silence

A

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

B

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, - - - - - Lord. Give peace, - - - - - Lord. Give

C

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, - - - - - Lord. Give peace, - - - - - Lord. Give

Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House
Courtney Garrison – Ministry Assistant
Peter Johns – Associate Director of Contemplative Worship

Zachary Montasser – Violinist
Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center

All of today's music comes from the Taize community in France, and was composed by Jacques Berthier

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If you have a prayer request or seeking support, please contact Rachel Sciretti, rsciretti@chapelwood.org.

Giving to The Center

All of us are part of a never-ending process of giving and receiving. Life is not possible without this organic flow. What we co-create together here at The Center for Christian Spirituality is not possible without our conscious participation in this holy activity of freely receiving and freely giving. In this light, we invite you to financially give to The Center in response to what you have received today or throughout our contemplative offerings. Using the QR code will take you to a page where you can make a one-time offering or recurring gift. Thank you for your contribution and investment.



The Way of The Anchorite: Towards a Three-Fold Rule of Life

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

In this new class offered by Michael, students will be led through a simple model for developing a "Rule" or "Way" of Life. This model is inspired by the monastic tradition of the "anchorite" – someone who withdrew from distractions to deepen their relationship with God, others, and the created world. To aid them, they committed themselves to certain practices that helped them to more consciously be anchored: in God, to Church, and for the World. In this 4-week class, Michael will help you determine what are your obstacles and facilitating conditions for anchoring in God, anchoring to Community, and being an anchoring presence in your World.



The Anchor House Hours

Our normal hours for The Anchor House will resume on Tuesday, January 7.