

Welcome to

# Holy Nativity

Mixenden and Ilingworth



Taizé for Holy  
Week

# Welcome to Holy Nativity Church in the Parish of Mixenden and Illingworth!

**Everyone is welcome here.**

Holy week is a solemn time of year in which The Church prepares for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day, It is a time of reflection as we bring our lives before God.

This is a quiet service based around the music of the Taizé community, a monastic community in France. This isn't supposed to be formal, it is a fun way of worshipping God with our voices.

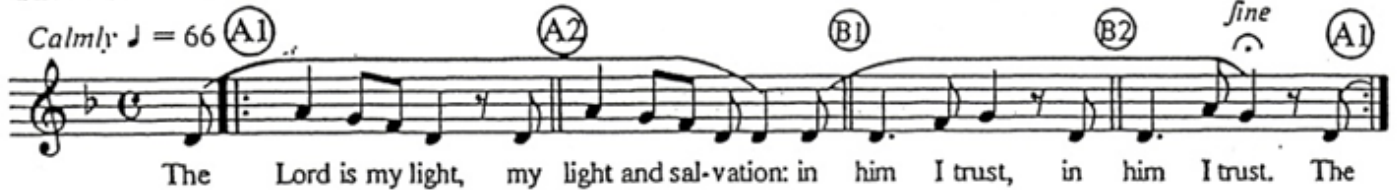
The words for the minister are in normal type and the congregation responds with the words in bold type.



# The Blessing of Light

## Theme I

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923 -1994)



## Theme II



**All** The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

*The president greets the people*

*The officiant then lights the Paschal Candle.  
Everyone lights their candle.*

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
as darkness falls you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.  
By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessed be God forever**

## Psalm 141

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; •  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, •  
and guard the door of my lips;

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; •  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with  
evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; •  
in you I take refuge; do not leave me  
defenceless.

***This opening prayer may be said***

That this evening may be holy,  
good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

***All*** **Amen.**

# In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Voice   
In the Lord I'll be ev er thank - ful, In the Lord, I will re -

Vo.   
joice; Look to God, do not be a - fraid; Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is

Vo.   
near; Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the

## The Psalm

*The psalm is read*

*At the end of the psalm, the following is said*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

## Reading

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*After the reading a period of silence may be kept*

We adore you,  
O Christ, and we bless you;  
**All by your holy cross,  
you have redeemed the world.**

Christ committed no sin,  
no guile was found on his lips.  
**All We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins in his body  
on the tree  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.  
**All By your holy cross,  
you have redeemed the world.**

By his wounds you have been healed.  
**All We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you;  
by your holy cross,  
you have redeemed the world.**

**All God's love for us is revealed  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day  
all generations will call me blessed; •  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, •  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm •  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones •  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things •  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •  
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, •  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All** God's love for us is revealed  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.

## Intercessions

*We pray using the following response.*

### O Lord Hear My Prayer

*The president finishes each prayer with:*

### O Lord Hear Our Prayer

*We sing:*

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Em C6 D  $\frac{G}{B}$  C

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call

5

Am6 B Em C6 D G6 Am B Em

an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is for the song 'O Lord Hear My Prayer' and the second system is for 'O Lord Hear Our Prayer'. The music is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Chord symbols are written above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.



## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards  
the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers  
of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
So in faith and trust we pray

**All** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

# Nunc Dimitus

Voice

Let your ser - vant now go in peace, oh Lord, Now

Vo.

go in peace, ac - cord - ing to your word. Let your

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Nunc Dimitus'. The first staff is for a 'Voice' part, written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with two measures of rests, followed by a repeat sign. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with lyrics 'Let your ser - vant now go in peace, oh Lord, Now' written below. The second staff is for a 'Vo.' (Vocal) part, also in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a measure of rest, followed by a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'go in peace, ac - cord - ing to your word. Let your' are written below. Both staves end with a double bar line.

## The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.

**All** **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

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