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ADAM REINWALD '00, VISITING CONDUCTOR



CALL TO PRAYER

MUSIC THAT INVITES US INTO A TIME OF PRAYER OR REPOSE

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional Southern Gospel arr. David L. Mennicke (b. 1961)

Verse 1

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!

Refrain

O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O sisters, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Verse 2

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way!

Refrain

O brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O brothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Verse 1

Refrain

O fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O fathers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Verse 2

Refrain

O mothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O mothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Verse 1

Refrain

O sinners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O sinners, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Verse 2

Refrain

O children, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O children, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

— Traditional Southern Gospel

BELLS & REFLECTION

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Hear my Prayer, O Lord And let my crying come unto Thee.

Psalm 102:1, Book of Common Prayer

REFLECTION

Adonai Roi

Sung in Hebrew

Judith Shatin (b. 1949)

ה׳ רעי לא אֶחָסֶר בּנְאוֹת דֶּשֶׁא יַרְבִּיצָנִי על-מֵי מְנָחוֹת יְנַהָלֵנִי נַפְשִׁי יְשׁוֹבָב יַנְחַנִי בְּמִעְּגְּלִי-צֶדֶק לְמען שָׁמו נַם כִּי-אַלְהְּ בְּגִיא צַלְמֶנֶת לֹא-אִירָא רַע כִּי אַתָּה עְמֶדִי שַׁבְטְּךּ וּמִשְׁעַנְתָּךְ הַמֶּה יְנַחֲמֻנִי מַעְרֹךְ לְפָנִי שֻׁלְחָן נָגֶד צֹרְרִי דּשְׁנָתָ בַשֶּׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסִי רְנָיָה אַךְ, טוֹב וָחָסֶד יִרְדְּפּוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיָּי Adonai ro-i, lo echsar. Bin'ot deshe yarbitseini, Al mei m'nuhot y'nachaleini, Naf'shi y'shovev, Yancheini b'ma'aglei tsedek, L'ma'an sh'mo. Gam ki eilech B'gei tsalmavet, Lo ira ra, Ki Atah imadi. Shiv't'cha umishan'techa Hemah y'nachamuni. Ta'aroch lefanai shulchan neged tzorerai. Dishanta vashemen roshi, Kosi revaya. Ach tov vachesed yirdefuni kol yemei chayai, Veshavti beveit, veshavti beveit Adonai Le'orech yamim.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, For Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff They comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil, My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life forever, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

— Pslam 23, The Hebrew Bible

Forever.

REFLECTION

ANTHEM The Bower of Prayer

P.P. Pratt (1807–1857) arr. E.J. King

To leave my dear friends, and with neighbors to part, And go from my home it affects not my heart Like thoughts of absenting myself for a day From that bless'd retreat where I've chosen to pray.

Dear bow'r, where the pine and the poplar have spread, And wove with the branches a roof o'er my head; How oft have I knelt on the evergreen there, And poured out my soul to my Savior in prayer.

The early shrill notes of the loved nightingale That dwelt in my bow'r I observed as my bell, To call me to duty, while birds of the air Sang anthems of praise as I went to my prayer.

— *P.P Pratt* (1831)

Zikr

Sung in Urdu Connor Fogarty '24, percussion

A.R. Rahman (b. 1967) arr. Sperry

Light of Muhammad, may peace be upon him, there is no other truth except God. God is one. O, those of you who are thirsting, come, the Oneness of God calls you! There is no action superior to Zikr, is the saying of the prophet of God. Zikr is Peace, Zikr is victory, Zikr is Healing, Zikr is the Cure. God is the only Eternal and Immortal — all else perishes and returns to Him.

In every flower, in every soul, in every creation there is the Light of God. May God's Zikr stay in every single heart and every single moment. Zikr is better than hatred, Zikr is better than ignorance, Zikr is better than desires, Zikr is better than reprisals.

O you the Amazing, O you the Eternal, O you the Beginning, O you the End, O you the Forbearing, O you the Gracious, O you the Greatest, O you the Merciful, O you the Beneficent, O you the Great, O you who teaches us to read!

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The idea of Zikr is to hold God in your thoughts and actions in every moment. The word itself, Zikr, translates as "remembrance" or "devotion". Zikr also refers to the repetition of a short phrase or prayer so that one can have an encounter with God. It's comparable to the rosary in Catholicism or the use of mantras in Hinduism and Buddhism.

This piece was written by Indian film composer A. R. Rahman as part of a soundtrack and is the only work he's composed that reflects his faith. However, the text of this piece is not intended to be used for worship or prayer. The music is based on the style of music used in the ceremonies of the whirling dervishes, the Sufi Muslim musicians and dancers that spin in a circle ever faster in an effort to achieve a trance and commune with the divine.

 Note by Ahmed Anzaldúa trans. Ahmed Anzaldúa

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

אָדון עולָם אֲשֶׁר מָלֹךְ .בְּטֶרֶם כָּל יְצִיר נִבְרָא: לְעֵת נַעֲשָׂה בָחַפָּצו כֹּל .אַזִי מֵלֶךְ שָׁמו נָקרָא:

וְאָחָרֵי כִּכְלות הַכֹּל .לְבַדּו יִמְלוּדְּ נוּרָא: הוא הָיָה הָהוּא הוָה .וְהוּא יִהְיָה בְּתִּפְאָרָה:

וְהוּא אֶחָד וְאֵין שֵׁנִי .לְהַמְשִׁילוּ וּלְהַחְבִּירָה: בָּלִי רֵאשִׁית בָּלִי תַכְלִית .וְלוּ הָעז וְהַמְשְׁרָה:

יבְּלִי עֵרֶהְ בְּלִי דְמְיון .בְּלִי שְׁנּוּי וּתְמוּרָה) בְּלִי עֲנָהְ בְּלִי דְמְיון .בְּלִי חָבּוּר בְּלִי פָּרוּד .גָדול כּחַ וּגְבוּרָה

Adon Olam

Sung in Hebrew

Adon olam, asher malach, beterem kol yetzir nivra. Le'et na'asah vecheftzo kol, azai melech sh'mo nikra.

V'acharey kichlot hakol, levado yim'loch nora. V'hu haya, v'hu hoveh, v'hu yih'yeh b'tifara.

V'hu echad, v'eyn sheni l'hamshil lo, l'hachbira. B'li reishit, b'li tachlit, v'lo ha'oz v'hamisrah. Kenneth Lampl (b. 1964)

The Lord of the Universe who reigned before anything was created. When all was made by his will He was acknowledged as King.

And when all shall end He still all alone shall reign. He was, He is, and He shall be in glory.

And He is one, and there's no other, to compare or join Him. Without beginning, without end and to Him belongs dominion and power.

The Siddur trans. Simeon Singer

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