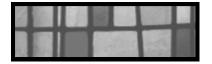
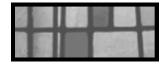
IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ JANUARY 14, 2022

Prayer in the spirit of the Taizé Community is a meditative form of common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can quickly be grasped by the intellect and that gradually penetrates the whole being.

Silence is observed by all prior to the service for prayer and reflection.







GATHERING SONGS

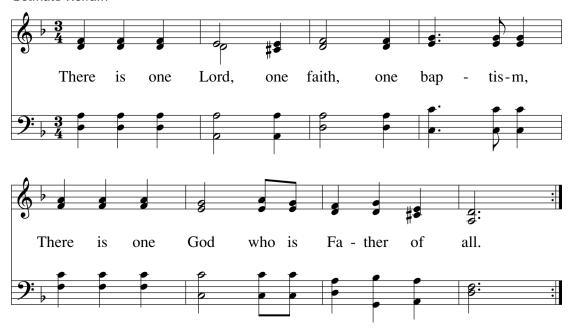
Laudate Dominum



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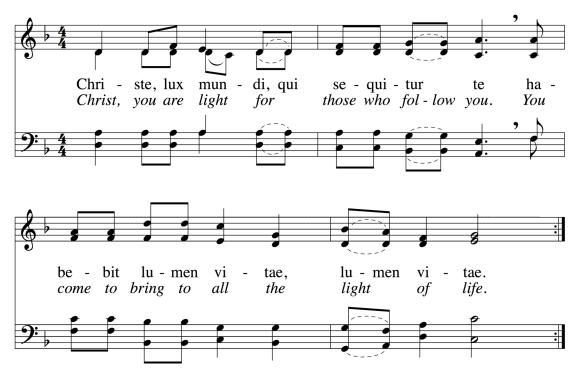
There Is One Lord

Ostinato Refrain



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Christe Lux Mundi

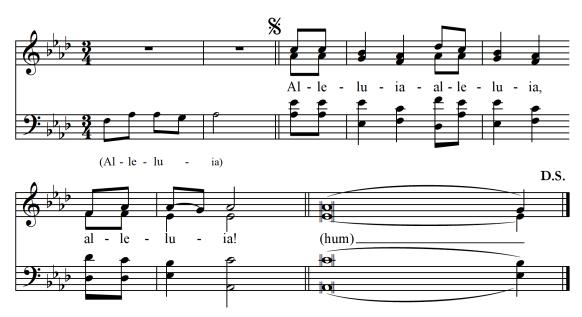


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Alleluia and Psalm (Stand)

Verses are sung by the cantor and are sustained by all humming, with each verse followed by a sung Alleluia, forming a kind of "pillar of fire" at the heart of the prayer.





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Reading (Sit)
1 John 4:7-12

The Church is called to be a place of friendship for all. For this purpose, a radical conversion is necessary today out of faithfulness to the Gospel message. Christ, by his love that went to the point of self-giving, opened a new wellspring from which we can draw the energy to live as brothers and sisters, to promote the dignity of every human being, and to take care of creation. Christ asks us to be, by our brotherly and sisterly communion, the sign that he came to unite all human beings in God's love.

Becoming Creators of Unity: A Letter for 2002 Brother Alois, Prior

Song After the Reading

Following the reading there is a song, somewhat prolonged, which leads to an extended time of shared silence.

Jesus, Your Spirit in Us



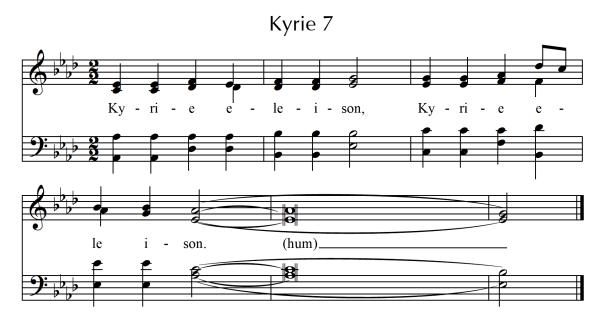
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SILENCE

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities, which is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer. Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer. (5-7 minutes)

Intercessions (Stand)

A prayer composed of short petitions, sustained by humming, with each petition followed by a response sung by all, can form a kind of "pillar of fire" at the heart of the prayer. Praying for others widens our prayer to the dimensions of the entire human family; we entrust to God the joys and the hopes, the sorrows and the sufferings of all people, particularly those who are forgotten.



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LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Meditative Songs (Sit)

Luke 2:29 / Nunc Dimittis



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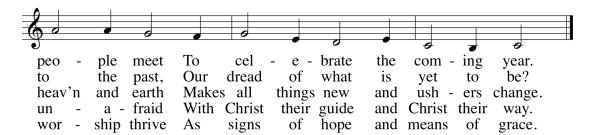
Let All Who Are Thirsty Come



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The God of All Eternity





Text: John L. Bell, b.1949, \otimes 1989, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

O God, Keep Me Safe



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As we gathered in silence, so too do we depart in silence. Our next Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé will be February 11, 2022 at 7:30PM. Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé at St. John the Baptist: stjb.net/Worship/TaizePrayer

Learn more about the community of Taizé: www.taize.fr/en

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