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

Wait for the Lord

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
Christe Lux Mundi

Christ, you are light for those who follow you. You

come to bring to all the light of life.

Within Our Darkest Night

Within our darkest night, you kindle the

fire that never dies away, never dies a -
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.

Alleluia 17/Psalm 126

Music: Jacques Berthier

READING (Sit)
JOHN 1: 1-5
SONG AFTER THE READING
Following the reading there is a song, somewhat prolonged, which leads to an extended time of shared silence.

Oculi Nostri/Our Eyes Are Turned

Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Savior.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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.

Kyrie 18
LORD’S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

MEDITATIVE SONGS *(Sit)*

Nunc Dimittis

Ostinato Refrain

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness, and in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness, and in your light we shall see true light.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Laudate Omnes Gentes

Ostinato Chorale

Lord. Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

Text: All peoples, praise the Lord; Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. O

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
As we gathered in silence, so too do we depart in silence.

Our next Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé will be
January 13th at 7:30PM.

Parish music ministers and graduates of the College Conservatory of Music, Nancy Gruber and Christopher Rolfes, collaborate to offer a program of music for trumpet and piano. Make this wonderful musical experience a part of your plans for the Turkey Dinner and Vender Craft Show!

This Sunday:

Piano and Trumpet Recital
November 13th  4:00PM

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