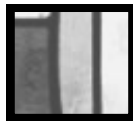


IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

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

Stay with Us

Ostinato Chorale

Stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Confitemini Domino

Ostinato Refrain

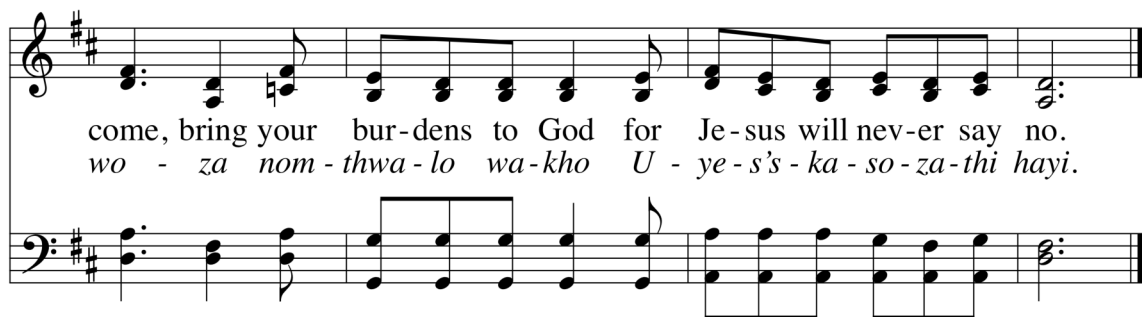
Con - fi - té - mi - ni Dó - mi - no quó - ni - am
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are
Spanish: Llé - na-nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz. Por-que só - lo e - res
Lithuanian: Aš pa - si - ti - kiu Vieš - pa - čiu, nes Jis mums

bo - nus. Con - fi - té - mi - ni Dó - mi - no, Al-le-lú - ia!
ho - ly. *Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu - ia!*
san-to. Llé - na-nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz, ¡A-le-lu - ya!
ge - ras. Aš pa - si - ti - kiu Vieš - pa - čiu, A-le-liu - ja!

Text: Psalm 136, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your bur-dens to God,
Wo - za nom-thwa-lo wa-kho, wo - za nom-thwa-lo wa-kho,



come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je-sus will nev-er say no.
wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa-kho U - ye - s's - ka - so - za - thi hayi.

Xhosa phonetics:
Woh-zah nohm-thwah-loh wah-khoh, U-yehs skah-soh-zah-thee hahyee

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Tune: South African melody; arr. by Welile Sigabi, © 2008, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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 11/Psalm 42



Al - le - lu - ia - al - le - lu - ia,
(Al - le - lu - ia)
al - le - lu - ia!
(hum) D.S.

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READING (*Sit*)
JOHN 6:66-69

SONG AFTER THE READING

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

Jesus, Remember Me

Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981
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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.

Kyrie 7

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -

le i - son. (hum)

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LORD’S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

MEDITATIVE SONGS *(Sit)*

Our Darkness

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
French: La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de-vant toi: la
Spanish: La ti - nie - bla ya no es ti - nie - bla an-te ti, la

deep - est night is clear as the day - light.
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.
no - che co - mo el dí - a i - lu - mi - na.

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How Bright Is the Day

Verses



Cantor: 1. How bright is the day when the Chris-tian Re -
All: 2. The an - gels stand read - y and wait - ing The
Women: 3. The saints that have gone up be - fore us All
Men: 4. And there is the bless - ed Re - deem - er, So
All: 5. Then let us go on - ward re - joic - ing, Till



ceives the sweet mes - sage to come, To rise to the
mo - ment the spir - it is gone, To car - ry it
raise a new shout as we come, *And sing hal - le -
mild on his mer - ci - ful throne, With heart and hands
Je - sus in - vites us to come, To share in his



man-sions of glo - ry And be there for - ev - er at home.
up - ward to heav - en, And wel - come it safe - ly at home.
lu - jah the loud - er, To wel - come the trav - el - ers home.
wide - ly ex - tend - ed To wel - come his ran - som'd ones home.
glo - ri - ous king - dom, And rest in his bos - om at home.

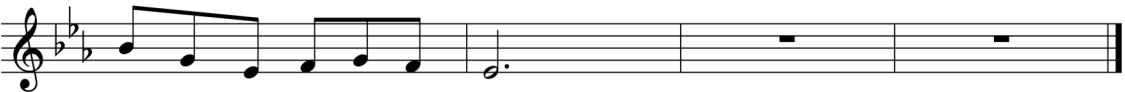
Refrain



And be there for - ev - er at home, and be there for - ev - er at



home, to rise to the man-sions of glo - ry and



be there for - ev - er at home.

**During Lent: "Sing glory and praise all the louder."*

Within Our Darkest Night

Ostinato Refrain:

With-in our dark-est night you kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a -

way, nev-er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night you kin-dle the

fire that nev-er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.

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Luke 2:29 / Nunc Dimitis

Ostinato Refrain

Nunc di - mīt - tis ser - vum tu - um, Dó - mi -
Let your ser - vant now go in peace, O

ne, se - cún - dum ver - bum
Lord, now go in peace ac -

ne, Dó - mi - ne,
Lord, O Lord,

pa - ce.
word.

tu - um in pa - ce, Dó - mi - ne. Nunc di -
cord - ing to your word, to your word. Let your

Last time

Text: Luke 2:29; Taizé Community, 1980
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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
January 14, 2022 at 7:30PM.

Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé at St. John the Baptist: stjb.net/Worship/TaizePrayer
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