IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ MARCH 23, 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.

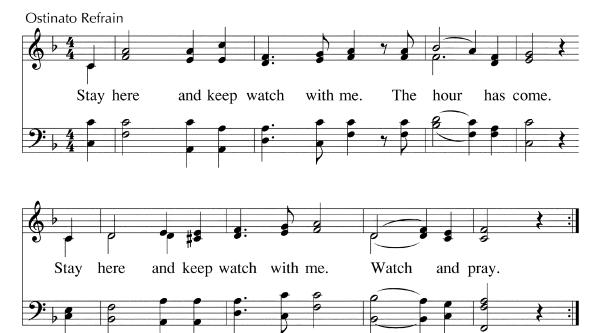






GATHERING SONGS

Stay Here and Keep Watch



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In Manus Tuas, Pater



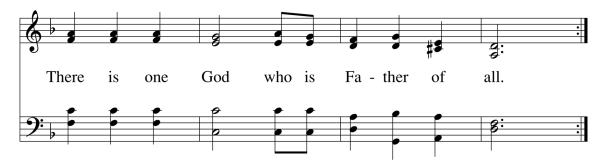
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There Is One Lord

Ostinato Refrain





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Antiphon and Psalm

God Can Only Give Faithful Love/Psalm 103

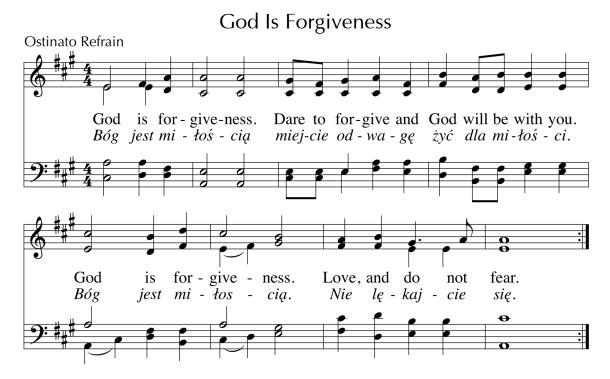


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Reading

SONG AFTER THE READING

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



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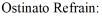
SILENCE

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)

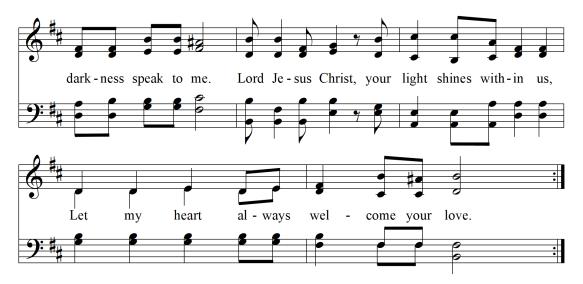
Song of Light

Two ministers will come down the center aisle to light the candle of the person in each row nearest the center aisle. They in turn pass the light to the others in their row. As the church becomes full of light, the symbol emerges of our Christian identity as children of the light.

Lord, Jesus Christ

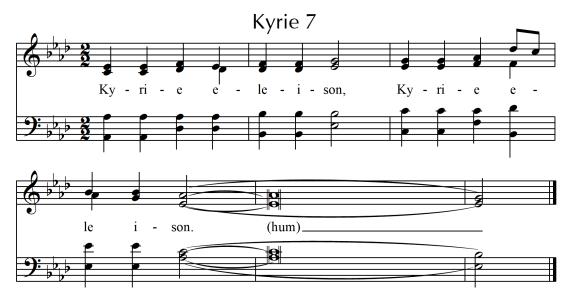






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General Intercessions (Stand)



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Lord's Prayer & Concluding Prayer

Prayer around the Cross & Meditative Songs

Prayer around the cross is a way of expressing an invisible communion not only with the crucified Jesus but with all who suffer. While the meditative singing continues, those who wish to do so come up to the cross to pray. After removing the drip guard around your candle and placing it in the baskets, your candle is placed in one of the terra-cotta pots near the cross.

A gesture is made such as placing their forehead on the wood of the cross, as a sign that you are silently entrusting to Christ all that burdens you as well as the difficulties of others. This prayer reminds us that here and now, risen from the dead, Christ accompanies every human being in his or her suffering, even when his presence is not recognized.

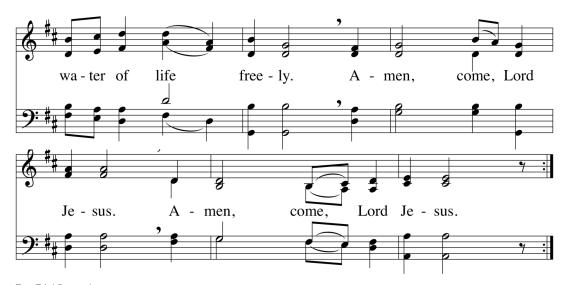
Crucem Tuam / O Lord, Your Cross



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Let All Who Are Thirsty Come





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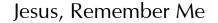
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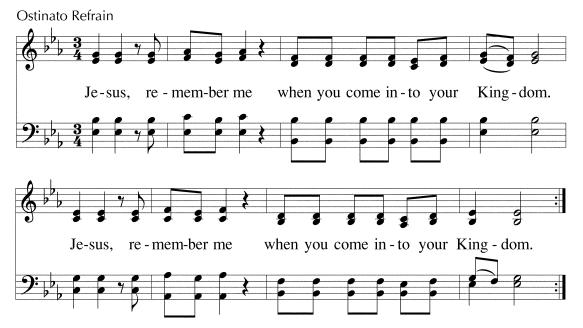




Right at the depth of the human condition, lies the longing for a presence, the silent desire for a communion. Let us never forget this simple desire for God is already the beginning of faith."

~ Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé community





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Our next *Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé* will be April 8, 2022 at 7:30PM.

As we gathered in silence, so too do we depart in silence.