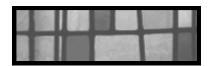
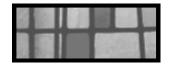
IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ MAY 13, 2022

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.

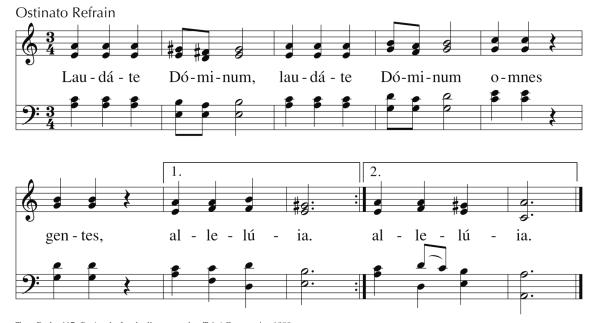






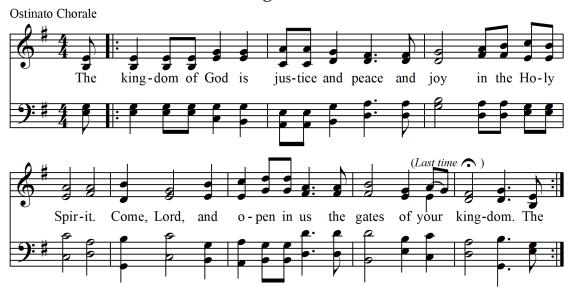
GATHERING SONGS

Laudate Dominum



Text: Psalm 117, *Praise the Lord, all you peoples;* Taizé Community, 1980 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1980, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The Kingdom of God

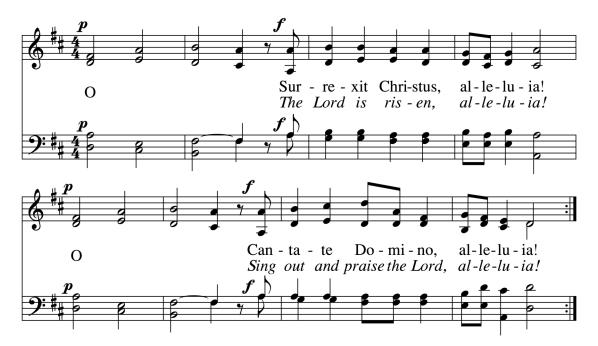


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At Easter, we are invited to a crossing, a Passover, that seems to be beyond all human reason—the crossing from distress to hope. It was a woman who was the first to experience this crossing on Easter morning: Mary of Magdala, who led the disciples of Jesus to it... and us in her wake.

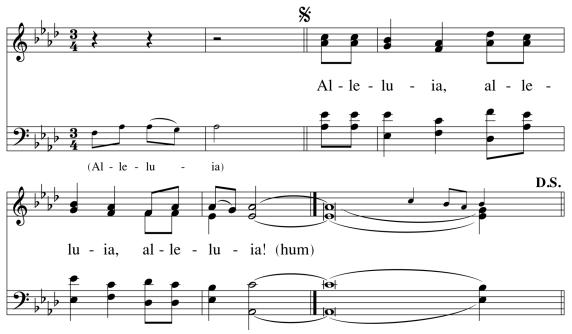
~ Brother Alois, Prior of the Taizé community

Surrexit Christus/The Lord Is Risen



Alleluia and Psalm

Alleluia 11/Psalm 150



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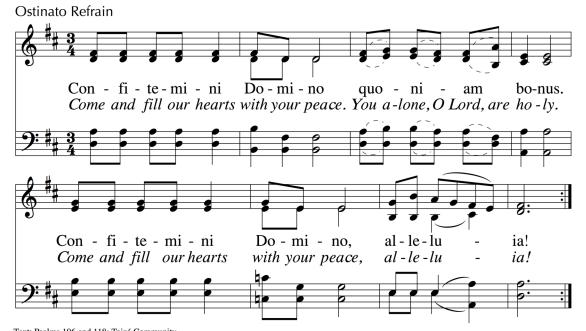
READING

PETER 2:4-5, 9-10

Song After the Reading

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

Confitemini Domino/Come and Fill

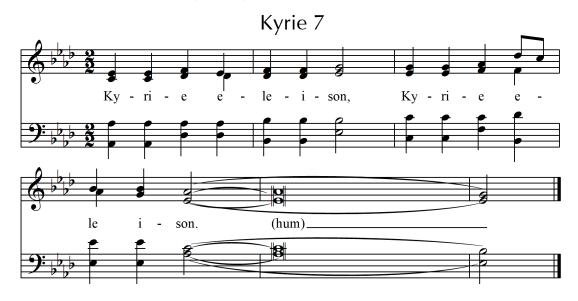


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SILENCE

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)

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (Stand)



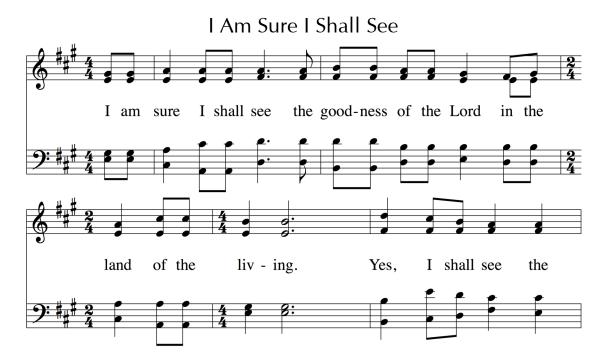
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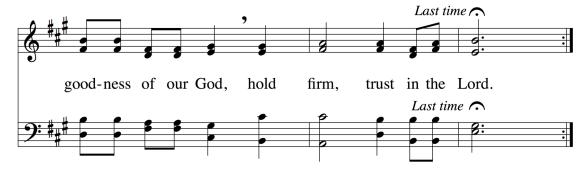
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LORD'S PRAYER & CONCLUDING PRAYER

Song of Light (Sit)

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.





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The Festival of the Resurrection (Stand)

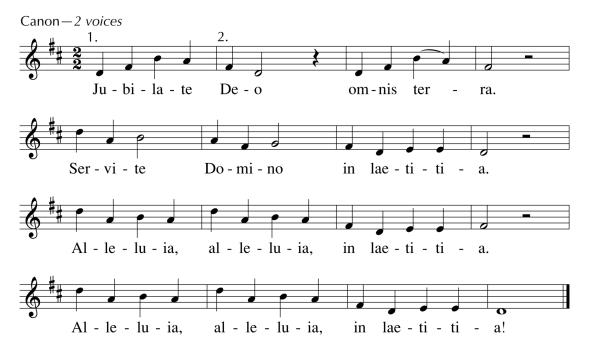
Luke 24: 13-16, 26-32

From the beginning Christians have recalled each week the deepest mystery of their faith, the "Passover" from death to life that Christ undertook and that he continues to undertake in the lives of human beings. Every week can thus conclude with the celebration of the dead and risen Christ. This festival is a way of celebrating the resurrection which, for each person, already begins invisibly here on earth.

Meditative Songs (Sit)

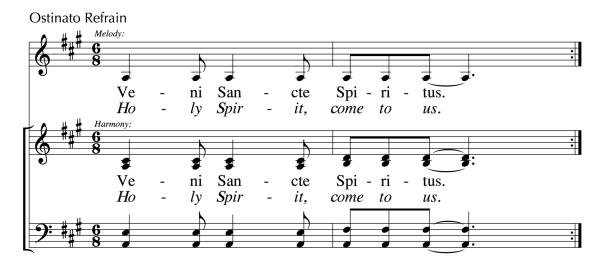
During this time of meditative sing you may bring your candle forward to one of the sand filled bowls. Please remove the drip guard and place in the basket.

Jubilate Servite



Text: Psalm 100, *Rejoice in God, all the earth, Serve the Lord with gladness;* Taizé Community, 1978 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Veni Sancte Spiritus/Holy Spirit, Come to Us



Text: Come Holy Spirit; Verses drawn from the Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

In the face of the suffering and challenges of the present time, the Gospel enables us to discover the source of a brand-new hope. Let us not allow it to evaporate. Will we let ourselves be touched by the presence of the Risen Christ who, in the joys and sorrows of our lives, reaches out to each and every one of us?

~ Brother Alois, Prior of the Taizé community

Jesus, Your Spirit in Us



Text: Psalm 63:1–4, 7–8, John 7:37–39; Taizé Community Tune: Taizé Community © 2003, 2011, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Our next *Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé* will be **September 2022**

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

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