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Taizé Worship

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Our Guiding Story and Mission: The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

As the Body of Christ, we proclaim the Gospel by serving and doing God's will in a manner that meets the needs of our changing world.



From the depths of the human condition a secret aspiration rises up. Caught in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for an essential reality, for an inner life, signs of the invisible.

Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again." When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then a common prayer awakens us to heaven's joy on earth.

To celebrate such an inclusive common prayer, only a few people are needed, sometimes just two or three young adults. Already, through them, a sign of Christ becomes visible. And in addition, if young people were to join, at least once a week, the prayer of the local Christian community, a Sunday morning worship service involving all the generations, from little children to elderly persons, then the universality of fellowship in Christ would find a clear expression.

In technological society, there is a clear separation between prayer and work. When inner life and human solidarity appear to be in competition with one another, as if people had to choose between them, that opposition tears apart the very depths of the soul.

Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles—to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform the human condition, to make the earth a place fit to live in.

All who walk in the footsteps of Christ, while being in the presence of God, remain alongside other people as well. They do not separate prayer and commitment.

Brother Roger of Taizé

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O Light Invisible,
we give Thee thanks Thy great glory.

T.S. Eliot

COVID GUIDELINES ARE STILL BEING FOLLOWED

Please use common sense when you are not feeling well.

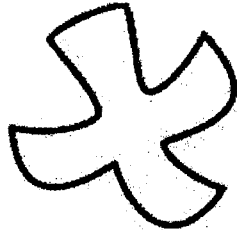
Be mindful of others so that we may continue to safely worship together.

Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated & optional if you are vaccinated.

Thank you for caring for your church family.

Meditative Singing

The music has been chosen to help us enter into times of prayer, resting in God. You are invited to listen to the musicians singing the meditative (repetitive form) songs until you settle into the music in a way that allows you comfort in singing as the songs become your prayer. The musicians and worship leader will guide us in songs and prayers.

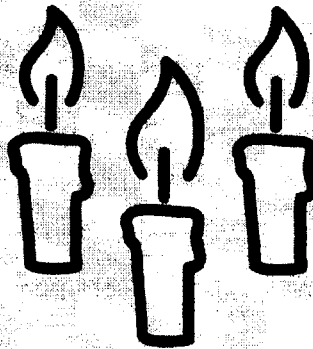


Silence

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities. But in the depths of our being Christ is prayer, far more than we imagine. Compared to the immensity of that hidden prayer of Christ in us, our explicit praying dwindles to almost nothing. That is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer.

Although God never stops trying to communicate with us, God never wants to impose anything on us. Often God's voice comes in a whisper, in a breath of silence. Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer.

It is not a matter of trying to obtain inner silence at all costs by following some method that creates a kind of emptiness within. The important thing is a childlike attitude of trust by which we allow Christ to pray within us silently, and then one day, we will discover that the depths of our being are inhabited by a Presence.



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Come, Holy Spirit

Bells Call Us to Worship

Meditative Singing

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Veni Sancte Spiritus

♩. = 56

pp^A *Bm7/A*

Ve - ni san - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

pp

First Bible Reading

John 14:25-27

Pentecost Litany

L: What right have we to invoke God's name on what we do here together?

C: **By the Spirit of Christ we have been called to be God's people, and blessed with God's Word of promise, that we may approach the throne of Grace with confidence.**

L: Have we the courage to worship in spirit and truth, knowing that in doing so we may be changed?

C: We have come to seek and to be sought, to find and to be found, not with confidence in ourselves, but trust in God.

L: Hear the rush of a mighty wind! See tongues of fire dance!

C: The Holy Spirit comes among us just as Jesus promises.

L: The Holy Spirit draws and gathers us into community. The Spirit of truth enlightens and sanctifies us. The Spirit of new life encourages and empowers us to pass the fire to others, celebrating and witnessing the Spirit's creative and transforming presence.

C: Let us marvel at God's transforming power at work in us, calling and strengthening us to love.

L: Veni Creator Spiritus. Come, creator Spirit. Come!

C: Come, source of life and love. Ignite our hearts.

Meditative Singing

Veni Creator Spiritus

Canon

♩ = 100

Ⓐ Cm G Cm Fm G Ⓑ

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor, ve - ni Cre - a - tor,
Ho - ly Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it,

Ⓒ Ⓓ

ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.
ho - ly, lov - ing Spir - it, come!

Psalm 104:24-34

Meditative Singing

Come Holy Spirit, Comforter

O

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.
Come Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er.

The first system of musical notation is for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and meditative. The lyrics are: "O Ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus. Come Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er."

O

Ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um,
Come Cre - a - tor Spir - it! Come!

The second system of musical notation is for the second line of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The melody continues from the first system. The lyrics are: "O Ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um, Come Cre - a - tor Spir - it! Come!"

ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um.
Come and lead us with your light!

The third system of musical notation is for the third line of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The melody concludes with a final cadence. The lyrics are: "ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um. Come and lead us with your light!"

Second Bible Reading

I Corinthians 12:4-11

Silent Meditation

Music Meditation

Meditative Singing Bless The Lord

You may use this time to come to the altar and offer a prayer of thankfulness to God for someone who has shared their gifts with you.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 76. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system's lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system's lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines in both hands, with dynamics marked as piano (p). Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system.

Prayer at the Close of the Day

L: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

C: Lord, now let your servants go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. Our own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

Meditative Singing

Pass It On

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

♩ = 100

D F#m G

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
2 What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

4 A D F#m

go - ing, And soon all those a - round can
bud - ding. The birds be - gin to sing, the
I've found You can de - pend on Him, it

8 G A D G

warm up to its glow - ing; That's how it is with
flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's how it is with
mat - ters not where you're bound; I'll shout it from the

12 D/F# Em7 A7 F#m Bm

God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: You
God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: You
moun - tain - top, I want my world to know: The

15 Em7 D/F# G A7 D

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
want to sing, It's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Depart in Joyous silence: those who wish to linger for continued time of meditation may do so.

All Contributions benefit Domestic Violence Intervention, Lebanon County:
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Thanks to St. Luke Taizé Leaders and Musicians:
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Please join us for our next Taizé Service – Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM