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Taizé Worship

Sunday, September 11, 2022

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.

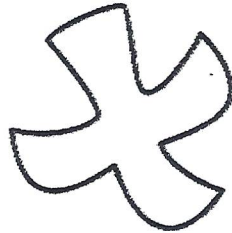
Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles—to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform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

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.

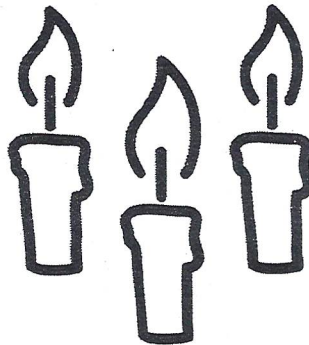


Silence

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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Blessed are the
PEACEMAKERS



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.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP

Bells Call Us To Worship

Meditative Singing

Stay With Me

8 Stay with me Bleibet hier

$\text{♩} = 72$ Dm Gm⁶ Dm Gm⁶ Dm C

p Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und

f pray, watch and pray.
be tet, wa chet und be tet.

f C Dm Asus A

A Reading: Isaiah 58:5-12

Meditative Singing Show Us Your Mercy

Canon
Lento (♩ = 80)

Chords: A, (A) Dm, Gm, A, (B)

Lyrics:
 Os - ten - de no - bis Do - mi - ne, mi - se - ri - cor - di - am tu -
 Show us your mer - cy, Ris - en Lord, show us the kind - ness of your
 am. A - men! A - men! Ma - ra - na - tha! Ma - ra - na - tha! Os - ten - de - tha!
 love. A - men! A - men! Ma - ra - na - tha! Ma - ra - na - tha! Show us your - tha!

Additional markings: (C), 3, (D), 3, To repeat, Fine

A Reading: Luke 19:28-42a

Meditative Singing Blessing and Praise Be Given

Canon
♩ = 58

Chords: (A) Em, G, Am, B, (B)

Lyrics:
 Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, in
 Bless - ing and praise be giv - en, bless - ing and praise be giv - en to
 no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
 Christ who comes, who comes for us, comes in the name of the Lord.

Additional markings: (C), (D)

Peace Litany

L: Lord, so many people are in pain;

C: Teach us the way to peace.

L: When people around us don't agree and think differently;

C: Lord, teach us to listen and understand.

L: When people are getting hurt;

C: Lord, teach us to speak up.

L: When we see people who are hungry and poor;

C: Lord, teach us to give to them as you give to us.

L: When we see people treated poorly due to skin color,
language, nationality, or religion;

C: Lord, teach us to be an example of compassion.

L: When we see conflict, violence, and war around the world;

C: Lord, teach us to be reconcilers and peacemakers.

L: When we see pain and offense;

C: Teach us to bring healing and forgiveness.

L: When we stop and take notice to all you have given us;

C: Lord, teach us gratitude.

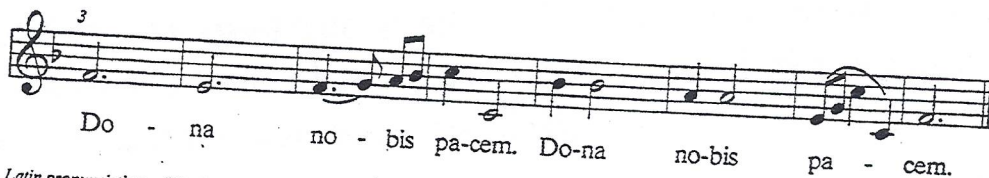
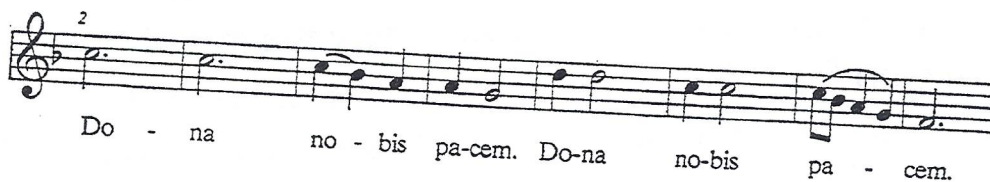
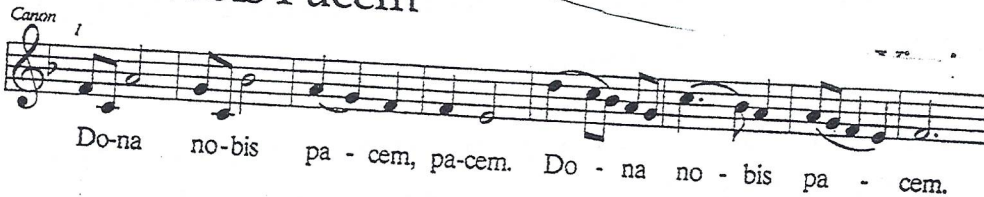
L: In our lives at home, our workplace, our neighbor and world

C: Lord, teach us to pray and lead us into the way of peace.

Meditative Singing and Lighting of Candles

During this song you may come forward to the altar and light a candle for peace.

Dona Nobis Pacem



Latin pronunciation: Dō-nā nō-bēs pā-chēm (Give us peace)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33

- L: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- C: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- L: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has

chosen as his heritage.

C: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth; he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

L: A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

C: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Meditative Singing

Grant Us Your Peace, O Lord

33. DA PACEM, DOMINE

Grant Us Your Peace, O Lord

Canon



Da pa - cem, Do mi - ne, da pa - cem,
Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - stris.
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

Coda
A - men. A - men. A - men.

Silent Meditation

Music Meditation

Meditative Singing

Lord of All Goodness

$\text{♩} = 50$

Cm Fm B \flat E \flat , Cm Fm B \flat E \flat

Do - mi - ne De - us Fi - li - us Pa - tris, do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Lord of all good - ness, Son of the Fa - ther, may your peace sur - round us.
(hum)

Prayer at the Close of Day

L: Let us pray. Lord make us instruments of your peace.

C: Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Meditative Singing

Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace

16. NUNC DIMITTIS

Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace

Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, se -
Let your ser - vant now - go in peace, O Lord, now -
ne, Do - mi - ne,
Lord, O Lord,
cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in pa - ce, Nunc di -
go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your
(Do - mi - ne.)
(to your word.)

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

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Please join us for our next Taizé Service – Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM