

A LENTEN SERVICE OF TAIZÉ AT ST. MARY'S

✠ 27 March 2024 ✠

The term "Taizé" (teh-zay´) has become synonymous with a style of contemplative prayer that includes the singing of short songs or chants, which are softly repeated, allowing participants the time to focus on the basic realities of faith expressed in the words and images. This quiet, meditative singing becomes a way of listening to God. Through repetition, the songs sung aloud together during a Taizé service enter one's soul, continuing in the silence of one's heart long after the service is ended and daily activities resumed.

History. Taizé is a small village in eastern France, near the town of Cluny. It is also the site of an ecumenical religious community of brothers from 25 different countries representing every continent. Founded in 1944, the Taizé Community has grown and groups now also exist in North and South America, Asia, and Africa. The Community is dedicated to the establishment of peace on earth. The brothers believe that peace will be brought about through reconciliation among Christian denominations, which leads to the reconciliation between people and, finally, the development of trust among nations.

Everyone is encouraged to participate, as the Spirit moves them, whether that be in song, prayer, or quiet meditation. Respecting the atmosphere of silent contemplation and prayer, please both enter and leave the service in silence.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ Veni, Sancte Spiritus!

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

— *A Moment of Silence* —

✠ Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord;
keep watch. Take heart!

2nd Reading: Psalm 70:1-6

— *A Moment of Silence* —

✠ Come and fill our hearts with your
peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your
peace. Praise to the living God!

3rd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

— *A Moment of Silence* —

✠ Our eyes are turned
to the Lord Jesus Christ.
Our eyes are turned
to the Lord God, our Savior.

4th Reading: John 13:21-32

— *Extended Silence* —

✠ My soul is at rest in God alone.
My salvation comes from God.

✠ Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
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- ✚ O Lord, hear my prayer.
- O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
- O Lord, hear my prayer.
- O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

- ✚ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Here ends the service! Please leave in silence. Before you go, you are welcome to come forward to light a candle and/or pray at the foot of the altar during the closing music.

- ✚ Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ;
night will soon fall.
Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
light in our darkness.
- ✚ Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.
- ✚ Sing to God with joyful hearts.
Praise the Lord for evermore.
Praise the Lord for evermore.
- ✚ Let your servant now go in peace,
O Lord,
now go in peace according to your
word.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Maundy Thursday (March 28th)

6 p.m. — Foot Washing, Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday (March 29th)

12 noon — Good Friday service, solemn prayers and hymns

6 p.m. — Stations of the Cross (begins in the courtyard)

Good Friday Offering will be given to the National Church's "Good Friday Offering," which supports the Diocese of Jerusalem. You can give in the offering plate, or give online, choosing the "Good Friday Offering" from the drop down menu.

Easter Vigil (March 30th)

7:30pm — Grace Church, 1314 Spring Street, St. Helena
This is a bilingual service and a shared service with Grace Church.

Easter Sunday (March 31st)

8 a.m. — Eucharist and Choir, plus baptism

10 a.m. — Eucharist and Choir