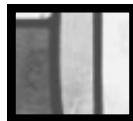


IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

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

Lord, Jesus Christ

Ostinato Refrain:

Lord Je-sus Christ, your light shines with-in us. Let not my doubts nor my

dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with-in us,

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

Confitemini Domino

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - té - mi - ni Dó - mi - no quó - ni - am
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are
 Spanish: Llé - na - nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz. Por - que só - lo e - res
 Lithuanian: Aš pa - si - ti - kiu Vieš - pa - čiu, nes Jis mums

bo - nus. Con - fi - té - mi - ni Dó - mi - no, Al - le - lú - ia!
 ho - ly. *Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!*
 san - to. Llé - na - nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz, ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 ge - ras. Aš pa - si - ti - kiu Vieš - pa - čiu, A - le - liu - ja!

Text: Psalm 136, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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The Kingdom of God

Ostinato Chorale

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly
 Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The
 (Last time ☺)

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ALLELUIA AND PSALM (*Stand*)

Verses are sung by the cantor and are sustained by all humming, with each verse followed by a sung Alleluia, forming a kind of “pillar of fire” at the heart of the prayer.

Alleluia 11/Psalm 116

Al - le - lu - ia - al - le - lu - ia,
(Al - le - lu - ia)
al - le - lu - ia!
(hum)

D.S.

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READING (*Sit*)

ROMANS 8:31-39

Message from Brother Roger (founder of the Taizé Community) to the United States following the attacks of September 11, 2001:

At a time when many people close to us around the world are disconcerted by the violence, by the incomprehensible suffering of the innocent, my brothers and I are praying for those who are undergoing a time of trial and we ask for consolation for all of them. We also pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire the hearts of those who are seeking ways of peace in the human family. I wrote this prayer for the Sunday morning service in Taizé, and I would like to share it with our friends in the United States: Holy Spirit, however powerless we may be, enable us to bring peace where there are oppositions and violence, and to make a reflection of God's compassion visible through our lives. Yes, enable us to love, and to express it by the lives we lead.

SONG AFTER THE READING

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

Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8, 13; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978

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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)

INTERCESSIONS (*Stand*)

A prayer composed of short petitions, sustained by humming, with each petition followed by a response sung by all, can form a kind of "pillar of fire" at the heart of the prayer. Praying for others widens our prayer to the dimensions of the entire human family; we entrust to God the joys and the hopes, the sorrows and the sufferings of all people, particularly those who are forgotten.

Kyrie 7

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -

le i - son. (hum)

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LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER



MEDITATIVE SONGS (*Sit*)

O God, Keep Me Safe

Ostinato Refrain:

O God, keep me safe, for I trust in you. The path-way to life you

teach me. With you is peace and joy in all full-ness.

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Jesus, Your Spirit in Us

Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus, your Spir-it in us is a well-spring of life ev-er-last-ing.
Swedish: Kris-tus, din An-de i oss är en käl - la med por-lan-de vat-ten.
Spanish: Cris-to, tu Es-pí - ri-tu en mí es la fuen - te con a - gua de vi - da.

Text: Psalm 63:1-4, 7-8, John 7:37-39; Taizé Community
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A Place Called Home

All: 1. A place called home with com - fort for the wea - ry:
Men: 2. A place called home where ten - der-ness can flou - rish:
Women: 3. A place called home, a prom - ise for to - mor - row:
All: 4. A place called home for ev - 'ry hu - man be - ing:

A place called home of nour - ish - ment and rest:
 A place called home, a ha - ven from all harm:
 A place called home, a vi - sion hand - ed down:
 A place called home where arms are o - pened wide:

A place called home that wel - comes in the stran - ger,
 A place called home where chil - dren sleep in safe - ty,
 A place called home for all God's sons and daugh - ters,
 A place called home, where all ex - tend the wel - come,

Where one un - known be - comes a wel - come guest,
 Where hurts are healed, a shel - ter from the storm,
 Where love pre - vails and peace is ev - er found,
 Where none are lost, a - lone or cast a - side,



Where love can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:
 Where peace can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:
 Where hope can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:
 But mem - bers of a sin - gle hu - man fam - 'ly.

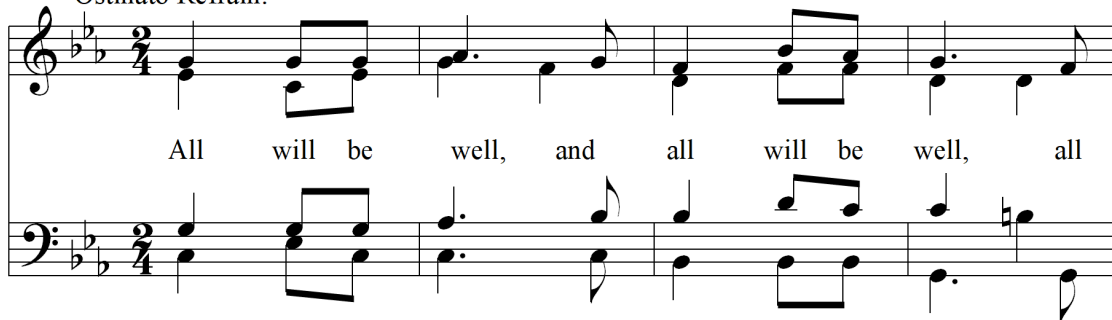


God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
 God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
 God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
 God grant us grace to build a place called home.

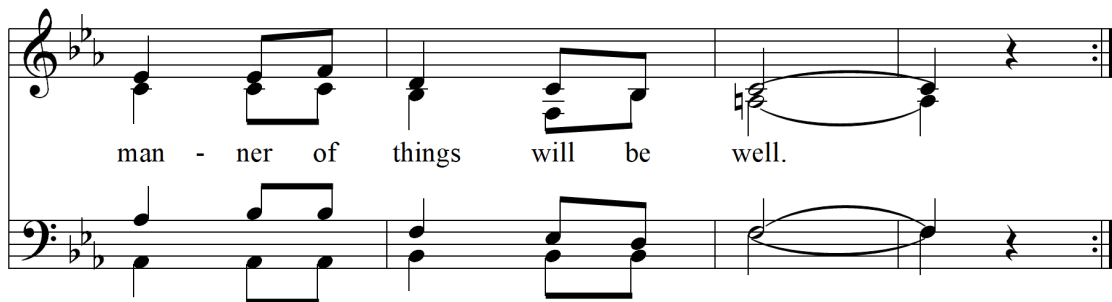
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All Will Be Well

Ostinato Refrain:



All will be well, and all will be well, all



man - ner of things will be well.

Last time



well. will be well, will be well.

Text: *The Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich*; adapt. by Steven C. Warner, b.1954
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As we gathered in silence, so too do **we depart in silence.**

Our next *Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé* will be
October 8th at 7:30PM.

Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé at St. John the Baptist: stjb.net/Worship/TaizePrayer
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