

Evening Taizé Prayer

25 Mar 2021 7:00 p.m.

Live Stream @ St Anselm
Roman Catholic Church,
Sudbury, Massachusetts

Taizé Prayer is filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation. It is based on Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and is modeled on the style of prayer in the Taizé Community in France. The sanctuary is candle-lit and the music is repetitive and chant-like. Those who attend regularly find a profound peace and tranquility in this style of prayer. Everyone, regardless of one's faith tradition, is welcome to this ecumenical prayer service.

For those who are new to this prayer style, here are a few aides to the prayer:

- 1) We gather in communal prayer. During this period of Covid-19, we are asked to refrain from singing in the Church, but those at home may do so.
- 2) The Our Father is usually sung to the tone and translation used in the Taizé Community. During the period of Covid-19, we recite it together slowly in English.
- 3) In the prayer of Taizé, repetition is important. Repeating a song gives us time to meditate on the deeper meaning of the lyrics and it also allows us to pause at times so that we can listen to the song without singing. In this way when we sing, we support others' prayer and when we are silent, others support our quiet reflection. For those in the Church, it is an opportunity to meditate deeply on the texts we sing.
- 4) The period of silence is about 5 minutes in length for silent prayer.
- 5) we look forward to praying with you. Learn more about the international, ecumenical community of Taizé by visiting them on the web at: www.taize.fr. If you enjoy the style of prayer from the Taizé community, you are invited to join them virtually from their community in France: https://www.taize.fr/en_article28227.html.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

DANS NOS OBSCURITES

Dans nos obscurités,

Allume le feu qui ne s'éteint jamais,

Qui ne s'éteint jamais

(Within our darkest nights, you kindle the fire that never dies away, that never dies away)

CHRISTE SALVATOR

Christe Salvator, filius patris

Dona nobis pacem

(Christ Sauveur, fils de Dieu

Donne nous la paix)

OUR SOUL IS WAITING

Our soul is waiting for God, our hearts find joy in the Lord.

SCRIPTURE

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from

heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." (John:6, 25:40)

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name

Bless the Lord, my soul who leads me into life

BENEDICTUS

Benedictus qui venit, Benedictus qui venit.

In nomine, in nomine,

In nomine Domini

(Blessed the one who comes, in the name of the Lord)

SILENCE

God of all mercy, you bury our past in the heart of Christ and you are going to take care of our future.

WE ADORE YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ

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. Amen!

LET ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY COME

Let all who are thirsty come

Let all who wish receive the water of life freely

Amen, come Lord Jesus. Amen, come Lord Jesus.