

Evening Taizé Prayer

23 September 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 church 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 and we are delighted to be able to sing together again!
- 2) 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.
- 3) The period of silence is about 5 minutes in length for silent prayer.
- 4) 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.

TU SEI SORGENTE VIVA

Tu sei sorgente viva, tu sei fuoco, sei carita,
Vieni Spirito Santo, vieni Spirito Santo.

*(You are the living source; you are fire and love
Come, Holy Spirit, come Holy Spirit)*

OUR SOUL IS WAITING

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

LAUDATE OMNES GENTES

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

*(Sing praises, all you people,
Sing praises to the Lord)*

GLORIA ET IN TERRA PAX

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria, alleluia!

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

(Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will)

SCRIPTURE

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will anyone gain by winning the whole world and forfeiting his life? Or what can anyone

offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will reward each one according to his behavior.

(Matthew: 16, 24:27)

THERE CAN BE NO GREATER LOVE

There can be no greater love than to lay down our life for those we love.

O Bless the Lord, our God, whose goodness abounds.

IN MANUAS TUAS, PATER

In manus tuas, Pater, commendo spiritum meum

(Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit)

SILENCE

Lord, fill our heads with your Word, fill our hearts with your Love so that we may know you and become true followers of yours.

IN TE CONFIDO

Jesu Christe O in te confido.

(Jesus Christ, I trust you.)

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!

HEAVEN'S SING IN GLADNESS

Heaven's sing with gladness; earth, sing out rejoicing: Jesus is risen
from the dead.