

# Evening Taizé Prayer

October 28, 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](http://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](https://www.taize.fr/en_article28227.html).

## **HOLY SPIRIT COME TO US**

Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

## **L'AJUDA EM VINDRA DEL SENYOR**

L'ajuda em vindra del Senyor, del Senyor, el nostre Deu

Que ha fet el cel I la terra, el celi la terra...

*(My help comes from the Lord, from the Lord our God who made heaven and earth.)*

## **ALLELUIA**

## **SCRIPTURE**

From Luke: 13, 18:21

Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like?

To what can I compare it?

It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden.

When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches."

Again he said, “To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God?  
It is like yeast that a woman took  
and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour  
until the whole batch of dough was leavened.”

## **IN THE LORD I’LL BE EVER THANKFUL**

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord, I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is  
near.

## **CHRISTE SALVATOR**

Christe Salvator, Filius Patris, dona nobis pacem.

*(Christ Savior, Son of the Father, grant us peace)*

## **SILENCE**

*Lord, help our faith grow, like a mustard seed. Help our faith grow and  
transform our lives.*

## **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
And joy in the Holy Spirit  
Come, Lord and open in us the gates of your kingdom

## 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!

## LAUDATE DOMINUM

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes, gentes, alleluia

*(Sing, praise and bless the Lord, sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples!  
Nations! Alleluia!)*