

Evening Taizé Prayer

09 December 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.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

NADA TE TURBE

Nada te turbe, nada te espante; Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta
Nada te turbe, nada te espante: Solo Dios basta

(Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.)

(Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.)

IN TE CONFIDO

Jesu Christe O in te confido.

(Jesus Christ, I trust you.)

NOTHING CAN EVER COME BETWEEN US AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God.
The love of God, revealed to us in Christ Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Jesus said to his disciples:

“What is your opinion?

If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray,
will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills
and go in search of the stray?

And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it
than over the ninety-nine that did not stray.

In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father
that one of these little ones be lost.”

(Matthew: 18, 12:14)

OUR SOUL IS WAITING

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

C'EST TOI MA LAMPE, SEIGNEUR

C'est toi ma lampe, Seigneur. Mon Dieu éclaire ma ténèbre.

Seigneur, mon Dieu, éclaire ma ténèbre.

*(Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, enlighten my darkness. O Lord, my
God, enlighten my darkness.)*

SILENCE

*Lord, make our heart understand how much you care for us, how
much you love us. You sent your only son to bring us back to you.*

CHRISTE SALVATOR

Christe Salvator, Filius Patris, dona nobis pacem

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

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!

VENI LUMEN (CHORAL)

Veni Creator Spiritus.

Veni lumen cordium, veni lumen cordium.

(Come, Creator Spirit.

Come! Come and lead us with your light!)