Evening Taizé Prayer

19 May 2022 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!
- **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.

JESUS THE LORD IS RISEN

Jesus, the Lord is risen! Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus, the Lord is risen today! Alleluia, alleluia.

CRUCEM TUAM

Crucem tuam adoramus Domine, resurectionem tuam laudamus Domine. Laudamus et glorificamus. Resurrectionem tuam laudamus Domine.

(We adore your cross, Lord. We praise your resurrection)

SING TO GOD

Sing to God with joyful hearts. Praise the Lord forever more, praise the Lord forever more.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

(Jn 15: 9-11)

DA PACEM IN DIEBUS

Da pace Domine, da pacem O Christe, in diebus nostris

(Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days)

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.

SILENCE

GOSPODI POMILUJ C

Gospodi pomiluj.

(Lord have mercy)

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo.

(I will sing forever the mercy of God)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Keep us from temptation and deliver us from evil. Amen!

HEAVENS SING WITH GLADNESS

Heavens, sing with gladness; earth sing out rejoicing: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.