

Evening Taizé Prayer

November 17, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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.

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Veni sancte spiritus.

(Come Holy Spirit)

OUR SOUL IS WAITING

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

NADA TE TURBE

Nada te turbe nada te espante; quia 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. God alone fills us.)

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.

SCRIPTURE

From Luke: 18, 35:43

As Jesus approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

He replied, "Lord, please let me see."

Jesus told him, "Have sight; your faith has saved you."

He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God.

When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

OCULI NOSTRI

Oculi nostril ad Dominum Jesum, oculi nostril ad Dominum nostrum.

(Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Savior.)

BENEDICTUS

Benedictus qui venit, benedictus qui venit, in nomine, in nomine, in nomine Domini.

(Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.)

SILENCE

WHERE THERE IS CHARITY

Where there is charity, selfless love,
Where there is charity, God is truly there

GOSPODI POMILUJ C

Gospodi pomiluj.

(Lord have mercy)

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!

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea Dominum
Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea.

(Sing out my soul. Sing out my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free. Sing out my soul. Sing out my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!)