

Evening Taizé Prayer

15 December 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.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

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

SPIRITUS JESU CHRISTI

Spiritus Jesu Christi, Spiritus caritatis, confirmet cor tuum; confirmet cor tuum.
(May the Spirit of Christ Jesus, the Spirit of love, strengthen your heart)

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

To whom can you liken me as an equal?
says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high
and see who has created these things:
He leads out their army and numbers them,
calling them all by name.
By his great might and the strength of his power
not one of them is missing!
Why, O Jacob, do you say,
and declare, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Do you not know or have you not heard?
The LORD is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.
He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound.
Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall,
They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles’ wings;
They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.
(Isaiah: 40, 25:31)

OUR SOUL IS WAITING

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

LE VERBE S'EST FAIT CHAIR

Le Verbe s'est fait chair, Il a deumeuré parmi nous plein de grace et de verité
(The Verb became flesh, He dwelt among us full of grace and truth.)

SILENCE

CHRISTE LUMEN

Christe Jesu lumen cordium, laudabo te

(Christ Jesus, light of my heart, I will praise you)

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!

WITH YOU, O LORD

With you, O Lord is life in all its fullness.
And in your light, we shall see true light.