

Taizé-Style Meditative Service Monday of Holy Week March 26, 2018

Taizé chanting is a meditative style of worship, first sung in Taizé, France, which invites the singer into contemplative prayer as the singing of the chant regulates the breath. The singing makes room for a prayerful music during the chanting, and a prayerful silence after the singing ends. Please join each chant when you feel ready to join it; we will repeat each chant a number of times. The cantor will sing each song once, and then you are invited to join in, as the chant is repeated.

Welcome

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Taizé Chant: Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)



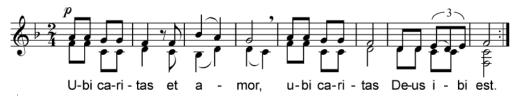
Taizé Chant: Wait for the Lord



Taizé Chant: Bless the Lord, My Soul



Taizé Chant: Ubi Caritas (Where There Is Charity)



("Where there is charity and love, God is to be found.")

Holy Scripture Reading: John 15:1-4, 12-17

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You

are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Silent Response to Scripture Reading

At this time, you are invited to share in five minutes of meditative silence.

Taizé Chant: O Lord, Hear My Prayer



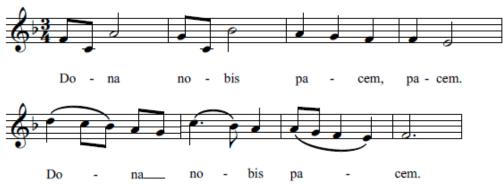
Taizé Chant: Jesus, Remember Me



Taizé Chant: Wait for the Lord



Taizé Chant: Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)



Taizé Chant: Laudate Omnes Gentes (Praise God, All You Nations)



Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining in our service of prayer this evening. When the singing is done, those who wish to remain in the sanctuary in silent prayer are invited to do so. If you are ready to leave, please leave silently. The clergy will greet you in the main hall of the offices, so that others may continue to pray.

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