Advent Taizé-Style Meditative Service

November 29, 2020

Taizé Chanting is a meditative chant, first sung in Taizé, France, which invites the singer into a meditative prayer while 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 Cantors will begin the singing; you are invited to join in, as the chant is repeated.



Welcome The Reverend Margaret Schwarzer

Taizé Chant "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Bring Us Peace)

Taizé Chant "Laudate Omnes Gentes" (Praise God, All You People)

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum, Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum

Taizé Chant "Ubi Caritas" (Where There Is Charity)
Ubi Caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est



Taizé Chant "Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom

Taizé Chant "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Bring Us Peace)

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; for the Might One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with is arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever."

Silent response to Scripture (2 minutes)

Taizé Chant "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Taizé Chant "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!



Taizé Chant "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Taizé Chant "Laudate Dominum" (Praise the Lord)

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, allelulia!

Taizé Chant "Ubi Caritas" (Where There Is Charity)

Ubi Caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est



Closing Words

May your heart find grace and peace tonight. May you know the love of Christ.

Three Taizé Chants sung by Amanda and Lucy Kern

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thank you for joining our service of prayer and silence this evening.

We are so thankful to so many people for the creation of this service.

Special thanks go to Wardie Mannix, Amanda Kern and her daughter Lucy, Laura Cervinsky, Britt Brown, Max Herman, Blake Jennings, and the Pekowitz family for the beautiful chanting.

Special thanks to Katharine Clark and Amanda Kern for their technical work.

Special thanks to Katharine Clark for lending us her beautiful triptych.

The Worship Team: D.D. Alexander, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Margarethe Kulke, Liz Parsons, Jenny Sawyer, Cynthia Scott, Carol Shed, and Rev. Margaret Schwarzer.