

Holy Monday Taizé-Style Meditative Service

March 29, 2021



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)

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Taizé Chant: “Ubi Caritas” (Where There Is Charity and Love, God Is There)

Ubi Caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est

Taizé Chant: “Jesus, Remember Me”

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Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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 God All You People)

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, allelulia!

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

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

We remember Margarethe Kulke, our stalwart working group colleague, and dedicate this Holy Week service to her memory. Her grace and kindness will live on in this ministry.

We are thankful to so many people for the creation of this service. Special thanks go to Britt Brown, Laura Cervinsky, Max Herman, Amanda Kern, Blake Jennings, Wardie Mannix, and the Pekowitz family for the beautiful chanting. Special thanks to Katharine Clark and Amanda Kern for their technical work.

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

