



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Taizé-Style Meditative Service Monday of Holy Week March 30, 2026

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 service, 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 chant 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)



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.



Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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 ho - ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The image shows a musical score for a Taizé chant. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. There are some musical notations like (b) in the bass staff.

Taizé Chant: Ubi Caritas (Where There Is Charity)

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for a Taizé chant. It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written in the treble staff. There are some musical notations like *p* (piano) and a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

("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 four minutes of meditative silence.

Taizé Chant: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; come and lis - ten to me.

Taizé Chant: Nada Te Turbe

Na - da te tur - be na - da te es - pan - te; quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te: só - lo Dios bas - ta.

(Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. God alone fills us.)

Taizé Chant: Wait for the Lord

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Taizé Chant: Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)

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Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Taizé Chant: Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom. Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

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

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining our service 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 narthex, so that others may continue to pray.

Thank you to the members of the senior choir who have gathered to support our chanting tonight. Your voices inspire us.

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