



TAIZÉ WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

Thursday, February 11, 7 pm

Since its founding in the 1940s, the monastic community of Taizé in France has become a place of pilgrimage for people the world over, seeking spiritual refreshment. Pilgrims are drawn by the spirit of joy, simplicity, and fellowship which permeates the community, as lived out through its unique style of worship: meditative communal prayer rich in complementary silence and song. The music of Taizé, with its distinctive, repetitive chants setting a simple prayer phrase or word of scripture, encourages a contemplative disposition that allows one to go deeper, beyond the mere surface level, into a profound encounter with God in the inner room of the heart.

Prelude:

Spiegel im Spiegel (Arvo Pärt)

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Jesus our peace, if our lips keep silence, our heart listens to you and also speaks to you. And you say to each one of us: surrender yourself in all simplicity to the life of the Holy Spirit; for this, the little bit of faith you have is enough.

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the

wa-ter of life free-ly. A-men, come, Lord

Je-sus. A-men, come, Lord Je-sus.

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Silence

A moment of quiet prayer and recollection in God's presence.

Reading: *Matthew 11:25-30*

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Song: *Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.*

Ostinato Refrain

Bo - num est con - fi - de - re in Do - mi - no,
It is good to trust in the Lord our God,

bo - num spe - ra - re in Do - mi - no.
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

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Intercessions

Response: God of mercy, hear us.

Let us pray for those who are beginning to know Christ: may the Lord strengthen them on their journey. **R.**

For children, for those who take care of them and awaken them to faith, Lord, we pray. **R.**

Let us pray for the ill and those who are ending their lives in loneliness: may the Lord give them the strength they need. **R.**

Let us pray for those who are condemned to prison or exile: may the Lord sustain their hope. **R.**

That the fire of your Spirit may renew our energies and enable us to welcome those who do not know you, Lord, we pray. **R.**

May your Church be constantly renewed at the table of the Word and the Eucharist, Lord, we pray. **R.**

Song: *Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.*

Ostinato Chorale

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de-vant toi: la

deep - est night is clear as the day - light.
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.

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Closing Prayer:

Loving God, you never stop searching for all who have gone away from you. And by your forgiveness, you place on our finger the ring of the prodigal son, the ring of festival.

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Ostinato Refrain

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord

I will re - joice! Look to God,

do not be a - fraid; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is

near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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