

TAIZÉ WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK *Thursday, March 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:

Gymnopedie No. 1 (Erik Satie)

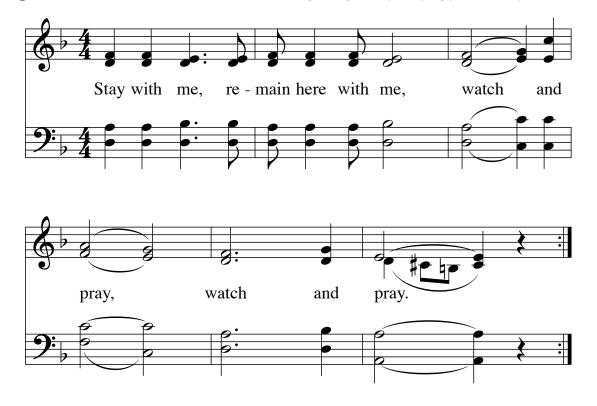
Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Strengthen us, Eternal God, and we will wait in silence and peace until the light of the Resurrection rises upon us.

Song:

You are invited to sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.



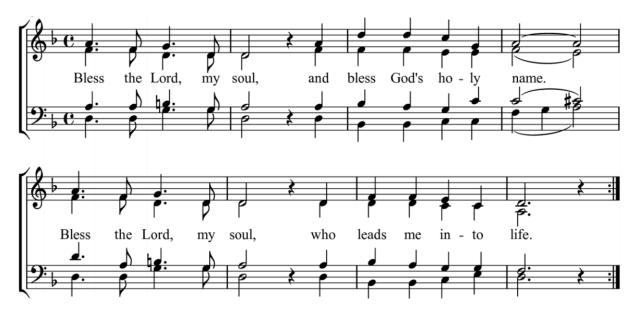
Silence

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

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul wrote: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Litany of Praise

Response: We worship you, Lord, upon the cross.

Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace: *R*.

O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble: *R*.

You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners: *R*.

You came to unbind the chains of every slavery, friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts: *R*.

Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end: *R*.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened: *R*.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges and nailed to the cross: *R*.

Jesus, Lord of the universe, by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side and there you prepare a place for us: *R*.

Song:



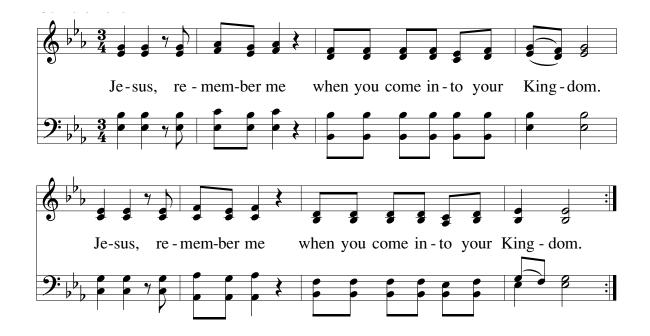
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Closing Prayer:

Bless us, Christ Jesus; you come to clothe us in compassion as in a garment.

Song:



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