Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



TAIZÉ WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK Thursday, April 15, 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

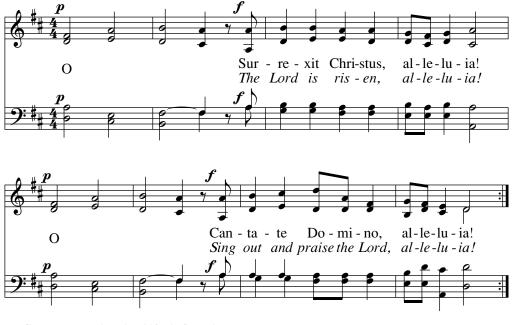
Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Jesus, Love of all loving, your compassion is without limit. We are thirsting for you, the one who tells us: "Why be afraid? Have no fear; I am here."

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.



Text: Christ is risen, sing to the Lord; Daniel 3; Taizé Community Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Silence

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

Reading: Luke 24: 13-16, 26-32

On the day of Jesus' resurrection, two of his disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (...) And he said to them, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

Song:

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Intercessions

O Christ, born of the Father before all ages, you took upon yourself our humanity and you rose for us: we worship you.

-Glory to you, O Lord.

Son of God, Source of life, we invoke your goodness upon us and upon the entire human family.

—Hear us, Lord of glory.

Allow us to live by your life and walk as children of light in the joy of Easter. —Hear us, Lord of glory.

Increase the faith of your Church; may it faithfully bear witness to your resurrection. —**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

Comfort all who are burdened, and engrave in their hearts your words of eternal life. —Hear us, Lord of glory.

Strengthen those who are weak in faith, and reveal yourself to doubting hearts. —**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

Give strength to the sick, support the elderly and reassure the dying by your saving presence.

—Hear us, Lord of glory.

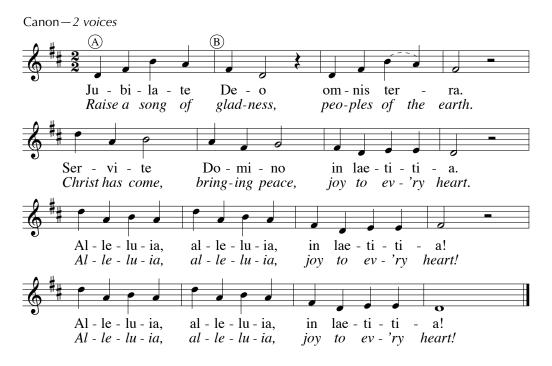


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Closing Prayer:

Risen Christ, when we have the simple desire to welcome your love, little by little a flame is kindled in the depths of our being. Fueled by the Holy Spirit, this flame of love may be quite faint at first. The amazing thing is that it keeps on burning. And when we realize that you love us, the trust of faith becomes our own song.



Text: Psalm 100, Rejoice in God, all the earth, Serve the Lord with gladness; Taizé Community, 1978 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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Song: