

“Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



TAIZÉ WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

Thursday, May 13, 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

Selections from *Suite Populaire Espagnole* (Manuel de Falla)

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Lord Christ, even though we had faith enough to move mountains, without love what would we be? You love us. Without your Spirit alive in our hearts, what would we be? You love us. Taking everything upon yourself, you open for us a road to faith, to trust in God, who wants neither suffering nor human distress. Spirit of Christ, Spirit of compassion, Spirit of praise, your love for each one of us will never disappear.

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Silence

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

Reading: John 17:20-26

Before leaving this world and going to the Father, Jesus prayed, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Je - sus, your Spir - it in us is a well-spring of life ev - er - last - ing.
 Kris - tus, din An - de i oss är en käl - la med por - lan - de va - ten.

Silence

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

Intercessions

Response: Lord Jesus, stay with us.

Lord Jesus, after having given your life on the cross, you entered the glory of the Father. Allow all people to share in your risen life. **R.**

In you, Jesus, God made a new covenant with us. You are with us always, until the end of time. **R.**

Jesus, you appeared to your disciples after your passion. Strengthen our faith by your presence in our midst. **R.**

Jesus, you promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles. May the Spirit of consolation renew our faithfulness to you. **R.**

Jesus, you sent your apostles to proclaim Good News to the ends of the earth. May the Holy Spirit make us witnesses to your love. **R.**

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Ma - ne no - bis - cum, Do - mi - ne Je - su Chris - te.
 Xin Ngài ở với con, lạy Đấng chí tôn Giê - su.

(Translation: Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ.)

Silence

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

Closing Prayer:

Saviour of every life, in following you we choose to love and never to harden our hearts. You wish us to know a Gospel joy. And when the depths of our being are covered by a dark cloud, one way forward remains open, the way of serene trust.

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord,

om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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