



TAIZÉ PRAYER
With Bible Introduction Following the Service

Thursday, September 30, 6 pm

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Season of Creation

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

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome

Collect:

Creator God,
from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.
You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit
to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.
Mercifully grant that your people,
journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided
to help one another
to grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life.
-Amen.

Opening Prayer:

God of all the living,
enable us to surrender ourselves to you
in silence and in love.
Surrendering ourselves to you
does not come easily to our human condition.
But you intervene in the deepest recesses of our being
and your will for us is the radiance of a hope.
-Amen.

Song:

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni
 You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts

Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
 with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137. *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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Silence

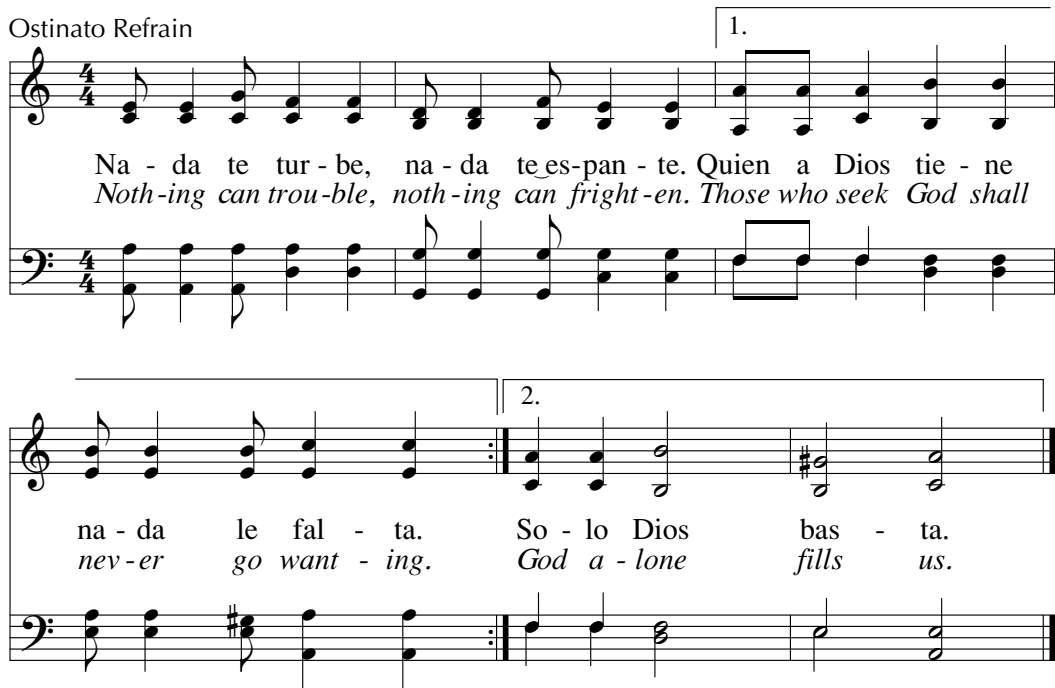
A moment of quiet prayer and recollection in God's presence.

Reading: Isaiah 65:17-18.24-25

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.
 The former things will not be remembered,
 nor will they come to mind.
 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
 for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
 and its people a joy.
 Before they call I will answer;
 while they are still speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
 and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
 and dust will be the serpent's food.
 They will neither harm nor destroy
 on all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Song:

Ostinato Refrain



1.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

2.
na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

Text: *St. Teresa of Jesus*; Taizé Community, 1986, 1991
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Silence

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Intercessions

Loving God, you are present in the universe and in the least of your creatures, surround all that exists with your tenderness.

-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Creator God, teach us to take care of creation, where everything speaks to us of you.

-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Loving God, we pray for all who suffer from fire and water, earthquakes and storms. May they remain hopeful in spite of their difficulties.

-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Creator God, awaken our praise and our gratitude; give us the grace to feel intimately united to all that exists.

-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Loving God, we entrust to you all the people, especially the youngest ones, who are implementing new projects in the face of the climate emergency.

-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Creator God, you are with us always; sustain us in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

God of all peoples, we lift up to you our grief, anger, and sorrow at the tragic legacy of Residential Schools in our country. We pray for all who suffer as a result of this legacy and in a particular way for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. We ask that you grant us healing, resilience, wisdom, compassion, and commitment to the work of truth and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

-Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

Song:

Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus, your Spir - it in us is a well-spring of life ev - er - last - ing.

Text: Psalm 63:1-4, 7-8; Taizé Community
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Silence

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Closing Prayer:

Holy Spirit, you set us free,
free in order to love those you entrust to us;
free also to look in a new way upon creation.
All that is created comes from you
as a gift which you entrust to us.
-Amen.

Song:

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

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