

# Lenten Taizé Service

Wednesday March 29, 2023



As you meditate this evening, take time to reflect on the play of light and shadow in the sanctuary. Reflect on the rest and peace that God brings in the gentle dark places in our lives.

## Taizé

A Taizé style service is one of song and silence, prayer and scripture, that offers to lead participants to contemplate and celebrate their relationship with God and with one another.

Music repeats many times. It begins with a simple melody that we sing together, and sometimes stays that way, and sometimes builds as it progresses. If you would prefer to quit singing and experience the music as an observer, please do.

Texts are short and reflective as well. It is always good to think about a reading, but Taizé invites you to feel a reading and to interact with it.

Prayers are invitational and conversational. You are not addressing a faraway being, but entering a dialogue with the living present Christ.

Silences is intentional, they are opportunities to wonder or to consider the words or music you have heard. If a silence feels too long, you might ponder the bulletin cover or focus on the flickering candles.

After the service, you may stay in the sanctuary as long as you like for prayer or to simply dwell in silence.

*Gathering Hymn: Come and Fill Our Hearts with your Peace*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Amen.

**Silence**

*Psalm 51:1-12*

**Silence**

*Scripture reading: John 12:20-33*

**Meditation time**

*Hymn: In God Alone*

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
In God my peace and joy  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
Find its rest and peace.

*Prayer*

Silence

*Hymn: Stay with Me*

Stay with me, remain here with me.  
Watch, and pray.  
Watch and pray.

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Please feel free to stay in the sanctuary as long as  
you want for prayer. You may want to stand or kneel at the cross for prayer.

When you are finished, please leave the sanctuary and church in meditative silence.

If you feel a need for prayer and conversation after the service, please let the pastor know and  
space for holy conversation and prayer will be made available for you.

If you are joining us online, you may contact the pastor by her confidential email address:  
Pastor2stp@gmail.com

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