

Taizé style Worship Essential elements as described by them:

Singing- Short songs, repeated again and again, give singing a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse of "heaven's joy on earth," as Eastern Christians put it.

Silence- If we take as our guide the oldest prayer book, the biblical Psalms, we note two main forms of prayer. One is a lament and cry for help. The other is thanksgiving and praise to God. On a more hidden level, there is a third kind of prayer, without demands or explicit expression of praise. In Psalm 131 for instance, there is nothing but quietness and confidence: "I have calmed and quieted my soul ... hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore."

At times prayer becomes silent. Peaceful communion with God can do without words. "I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother." Like the satisfied child who has stopped crying and is in its mother's arms, so can "my soul be with me" in the presence of God. Prayer then needs no words, maybe not even thoughts.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.



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Maundy Thursday
Taizé Worship

April 14th, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

WELCOMING & EXPLANATION

PRAYER *(Adapted from both the PCUSA's Book of Common Worship & a traditional Arabic hymn)*

One: Beloved people of God, this is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

All: This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

One: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all. Jesus says: "Do not work for perishing food, but work for lasting food for eternal life."

All: Lord, always give us this bread.

One: Jesus says: "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Lord, always give us this bread.

One: Jesus says: "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness and died. and whoever believes in me will never thirst. Behold, the bread that came down from heaven, for humans to eat of it so they would live."

All: Lord, always give us this bread.

One: Jesus says: "Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood will have eternal life."

All: Lord, always give us this bread.

SONG: Let Us Sing To The Lord

SILENCE & SCRIPTURE

SONG: Our Darkness

SILENCE & INVITATION

You are invited to take part in the washing of your own hands and anyone in your households hands as well as a practice of how we can love and serve our neighbors and community during this pandemic, it is a sign of Christ's love and care for us, and of the humble service to which we are called as Christ's disciples.

COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution.

SONG: Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

SILENCE

SENDING SONG: Jesus, Remember Me

Let Us Sing to The Lord

English: Let us sing to the Lord! Let us sing to the Lord! Let us sing to the Lord! Let us sing to the Lord!

French: Bénissez le Seigneur! Bénissez le Seigneur! Bénissez le Seigneur! Bénissez le Seigneur!

Our Darkness

English: Our darkness is never darkness in your sight: the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

French: La ténèbre n'est point ténèbre devant toi
La nuit comme le jour est lumière

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Let all who are thirsty come.

Let all who wish receive the water of live freely.

Amen, come Lord Jesus.

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Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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