

Taizé service at St. Paul's – Sun 18 April 2021 - 4.30pm

Welcome to this Taizé service, which follows an order suggested by the Taizé Community. It includes chants for you to listen to, readings, prayers and a long silence in which we are encouraged to listen for God. The service will proceed unannounced. We begin in silence.



Songs 10 and 5:

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia!
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Psalm 113

Please join in with the sung response in bold. At the beginning it will be sung twice, once by the music group and then once by everyone. After that it is only sung once by everyone.

Alleluia! (x 4) repeated

Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.
Alleluia!

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.
Alleluia!

Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
Alleluia!

He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people. Praise the Lord!
Alleluia!

Song 9:

Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubt or my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.

Bible reading: John 20.19-23 Jesus appears to his disciples.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Song 52:

Veni sancte spiritus
Come, Holy Spirit

Silence

Prayers of intercession using the following sung response:

Kyrie eleison (repeat)
Lord, have mercy

The Lord's prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayer by Brother Roger, the founder of Taizé:

Jesus, risen Lord, you change and transfigure our heart just as it is.
You do not even ask us to uproot the weeds; you take care of that.
With our own wounds, the thorns that hurt us, you light a fire –
and a way forward opens in us to welcome your Spirit of compassion
and the Spirit of praise that brings healing.
So that what is most resistant in us, our failures,
our refusals and our inner abysses,
may be transfigured into energies of love and reconciliation,
all you ask of us is that we welcome you
and rejoice in the miracle of your forgiveness.
Amen.

Song 18:

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus.
Confitemini Domino, alleluia.
Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Thank you for coming to this service.
May you know God's blessing.



**Taizé services will be held here
on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4.30pm:**

Sun 16 May

Sun 20 June

Sun 18 July

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