

# Taizé Prayer

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*"The spirit of God has made me,  
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life". — NRSV*

## Wednesday, October 8, 2025

### Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran

***Please turn off your cell phones.  
Even the buzz of "silence mode"  
will be heard during our time of profound silence.***

Good evening! In the name of Christ, it is my privilege to welcome you to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. As we gather this evening, I would like to offer hospitality, introduce you to our congregation, give a little background about Taizé Prayer and what to expect in worship this evening. If you are here for the first time, our restrooms are in the breezeway just outside the main doors of the church.

**About Taizé Prayer** The Taizé style of sung prayer mirrors other forms of meditative or contemplative prayer. The gentle repetition of a single thought, in this case, expressed in music, allows us to savor God's voice in the text. The text melts away creating an interior silence for an encounter with God. The music holds the time and space for prayer. Each piece of music has a simple thought that invites the participant to bring their own story, their own needs to this time of prayer. The music and prayer are simply the vehicle for you to still your mind and soul and sit with the Lord in solitude while surrounded by a community of faith all intentionally making time and space for an encounter with God.

**How To Participate** First, as you gather in the dimly lit room, you might want to simply review your day. Notice what still has your attention and anything that is a distraction to being present to this time of prayer. You might place these distractions at the foot of the altar or the doors of the church. But also notice things beyond your to-do list that are taking space in your heart. What are your needs and concerns, what do you desire most at this moment in your life? What needs to be celebrated, discerned, or even let go of? Bring these things to God tonight!

**Singing and Prayer before our Icons** Taizé Prayer is known for the short repetitive sung mantras. These are gateways to prayer. Although each chant has a text, often with deep theological meaning, this isn't a Lutheran Hymn Sing! (We will do that someday too!) The music is gentle and quiet. You are encouraged to sing or even hum as it serves your prayer, but no one should feel a need to lead the singing or encourage others to sing. All should blend into gentle, contemplative prayer. After the scripture reading for the evening, there will be an extended time, with several pieces of music sung, when you are invited to come forward and light a candle before one of the icons in the room. This is your time, you are welcome to remain in prayer, standing or kneeling, even sitting on the floor near the icon if you choose. There will be time for all to move slowly. There is no need to form a line. The music will continue until all have had ample time to participate.

**Silence** After our time of prayer and candle lighting, we will share profound silence. You can expect that to be 10 - 15 minutes long. The musicians are the timekeepers, so your only role is to sink into the silence and allow God to speak. It is helpful if all of us do our part to minimize distractions. Please put your programs aside and again be sure your cell phones are off and avoid any distracting movement.



**Offering** We leave a basket at the back of the church for an offering. Your presence and prayer are the most important gifts you bring to our community. However, your contributions support our Taizé and Retreat ministries. Our congregation uses an online giving service and with this QR code you can create an online account and make a donation towards our Taizé Ministry. If you use the app and it asks for an "Invite Code" it is MW9599. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Thank you.

**About St. Paul's Lutheran** St. Paul's is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). This congregation was one of the first RIC congregations in Florida. We believe in and work at not only being inclusive but also being a place of reconciliation. Too many people have been told God doesn't love them because of their sexual identity or orientation. But our work and ministry go far beyond issues of sexual identity. As an RIC congregation we welcome all seeking God's healing for the wounds of exclusion, poverty, oppression, and racism. If you have found yourself on the outside of a church community and are looking for a place where you can bring all of who you are, and you desire to seek God's healing for these wounds please don't hesitate to reach out to me after the service tonight or at a time of your convenience.

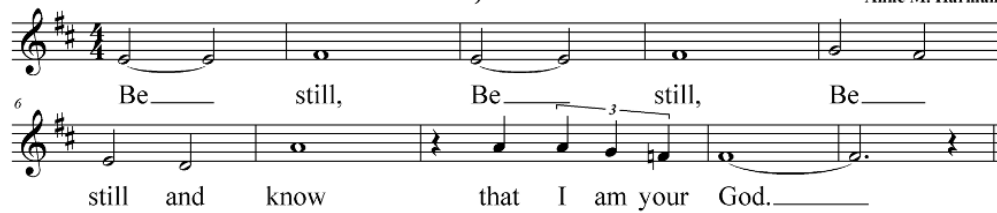
If you would like to be on the email distribution list for our Taizé Services and other events of our Spirituality Center, please fill out one of the information cards on the piano before you leave this evening or send Pastor Anne an email at [pastoranneharman@gmail.com](mailto:pastoranneharman@gmail.com)

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Psalm 46:11

## Be Still, And Know

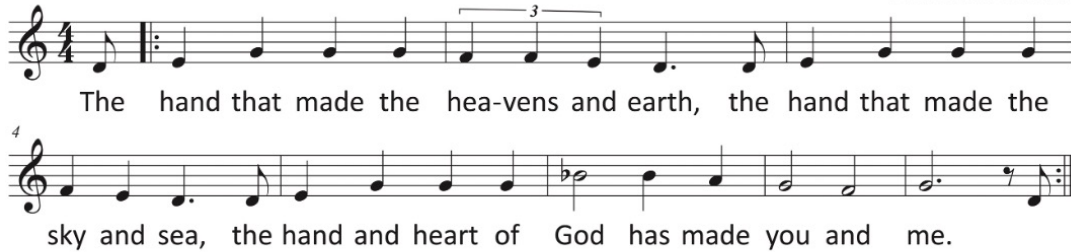
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## The Hand That Made

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### Reader: Job 33:4

“The spirit of God has made me,  
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life”.

**Sung: The hand that made the heavens and earth, the hand that made the sky and sea, the hand and heart of God has made you and me.**

### Reader: Isaiah 64:8

“But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.”

**Sung: The hand that made the heavens and earth...**

### Reader: Jeremiah 1:4-5

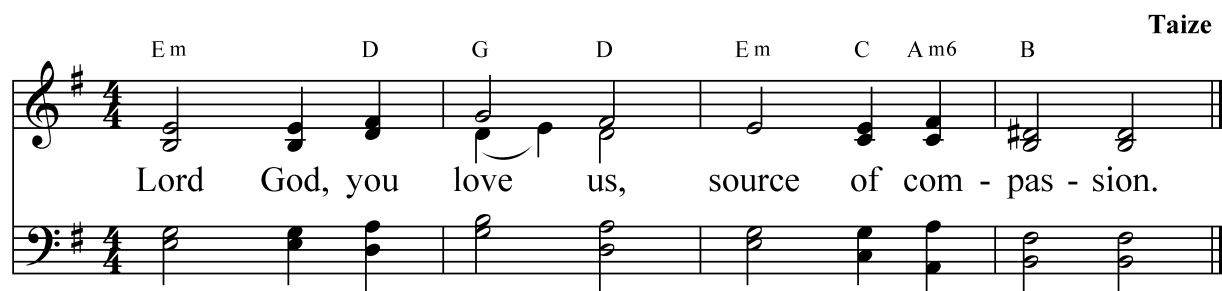
“Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

### Reader: 1 John 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

## Lord God, You Love Us

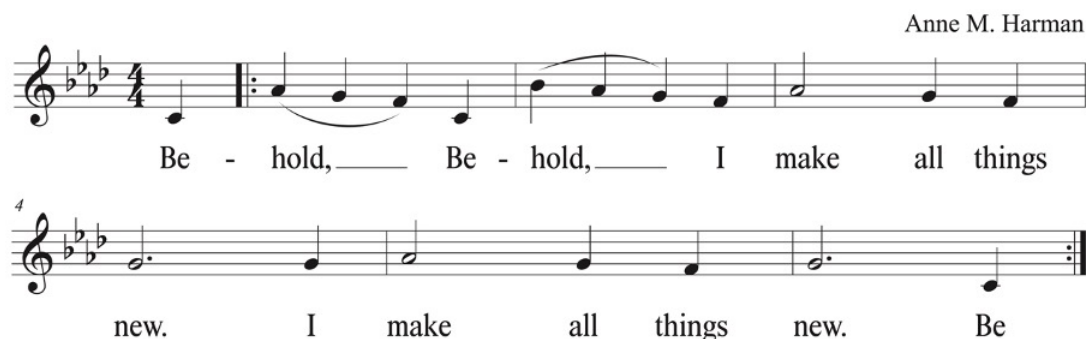
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Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.

## Behold, I Make All Things New

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Be - hold, Be - hold, I make all things new. I make all things new. Be

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Reader: Psalm 100:3

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Sung: Behold, behold, I make all things new. I make all things new.**

Reader: 1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

**Sung: Behold, behold, I make all things new. I make all things new.**

Reader: Revelation 4:11

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

# Bless The Lord

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## Psalm 139: 1-16, 19-24

Reader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**ALL: Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Reader: Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**ALL: If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Reader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

**ALL: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Reader: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

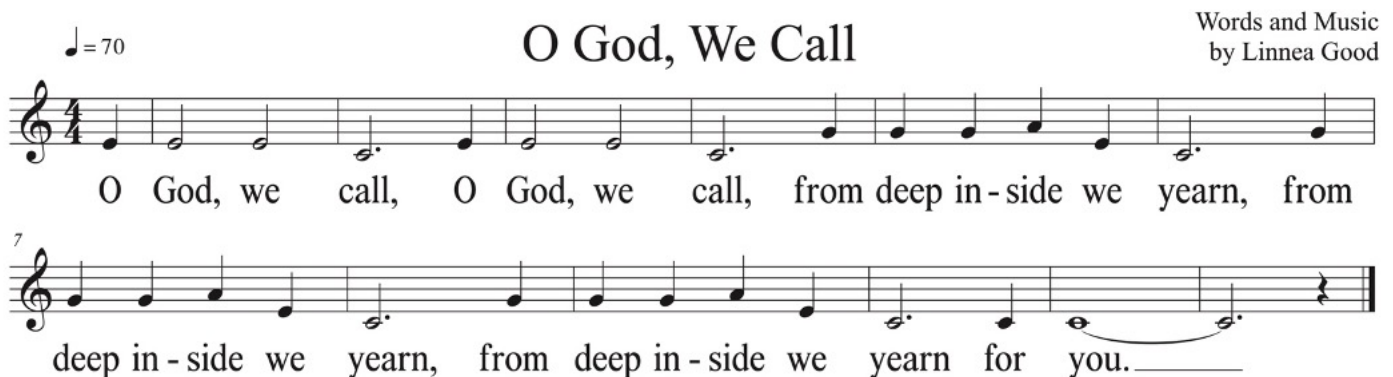
**ALL: Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

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## A SERVICE OF LIGHT:

When the music resumes all are welcome to come, one at a time, take a candle, light it from another candle and place it in the sand in front of one of the icons. This will be an extended period of prayer and meditation. The music will continue until all have had time to come forward and pray. There is no need for an orderly line, simply allow a few at a time to come forward.

Tonight, pray for the grace to know, at the depths of your soul, that you and all living things have been created by God who loves you, cares for you, and desires to be in an intimate relationship with YOU.



O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from  
deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you.

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## O God, Come and Save Us

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

O God, O God, come now to  
save us, and turn our mourn - ing in - to  
glad - ness, and our bro - ken - ness in - to whole - ness.

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## Will You Let Me Love You?

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Will you let me love you? Will you let me know  
the se - cret boun - dries of your soul?

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## Breathe on Us, Breath of God

Patrick G. Michaels

Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

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## Teach Us To Love, To Till and Keep

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Teach us to love, to till and keep, the  
gar - den from your hand, the dream of your heart.

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## Deep Peace

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the  
 flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to  
 you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

*To repeat* *Last time*

The musical score for 'Deep Peace' is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The third system has a treble and bass staff, with a repeat sign and a 'Last time' section. The lyrics are: 'Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.' The tempo is marked as 'To repeat' and 'Last time'.

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 Music: DEEP PEACE, Ray Makeever  
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## Jesus, Hold and Heal Me

♩ = 70

*Mary Magdalene's Song*

Anne M. Harman

Je - sus, hold me; Je - sus, heal me. Je-sus, help me hold and heal.

The musical score for 'Jesus, Hold and Heal Me' is written for voice. It is in 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as '♩ = 70'. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, hold me; Je - sus, heal me. Je-sus, help me hold and heal.'

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## Come and Fill Our Hearts

♩ = 66

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.  
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu - ia!

The musical score for 'Come and Fill Our Hearts' is written for voice. It is in 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as '♩ = 66'. The lyrics are: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu - ia!'.



## Arise, My Beloved

AMH

A - rise, my be-lov-ed, come. My beau - - ti - ful - be -  
lov - ed, come. For see the win - ter is  
past, the rains are o-ver and gone.

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## With All that I Am

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With all that I am, and all that I do, with all my heart and  
all my soul, O Lord, A-don-ai, O Lord, A-don-ai, O  
Lord, my God, I love you. I love you.

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## Lead Me Into Silence

AMH

Lead me in - to si - lence to hear Your Word of grace.  
Lead me in - to still-ness by love to be em - braced.  
Lead me in - to dark-ness to see You face to face.

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## SILENCE

*This evening we will allow time for a profound silence.*

## Intercessions:

### Óyenos, Señor



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## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God,

You are the author of all life, You are the author of *our lives*.

Help us to realize the depth of your love for all you have created.

Give us your heart of compassion that we may give witness

to the love we experience from you by our actions in the world.

+ Loving God, bless us this night with your peace, your healing, and your love.

**ALL: Amen**

As we conclude this evening let us offer one another a sign of Christ's reconciling peace and love.



**St. Paul's Spirituality Center**  
an outreach ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church



Gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church  
1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater

*The program will take place  
in the church hall*

Facilitated by Rebecca Bass,  
Certified Grief Educator and Spiritual Director  
and Pastor Pam Wellons





**Grief Forum**  
*Where education and grief support meet*

**Pet Loss**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
**10:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



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# Prayer for Creation

**Wednesday, October 22-7:15 PM**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church

1676 S. Belcher Rd. Clearwater, FL 33764



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# Taizé Prayer We Give You Thanks

**Wednesday, November 12**

**7:15 PM**

St. Paul's gathers at St. John's Episcopal Church

1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

# Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**

1955 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33764

We will take a collection of canned goods  
for Good Neighbors Food Bank

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*Gathering at St. John's Episcopal 1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL*

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation, embodies God's love, and promise of salvation through faith in Christ by extending inclusion and welcome to all.*

We welcome the full, active participation of all who worship and minister with us. If you are interested in learning more about Jesus, God's life and action in the world and our lives, the Lutheran faith, or this congregation and how you can be more involved, please reach out to Pastor Anne.

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