

# Taizé Service of Prayer and Healing

## Order of Worship

### Sunday, December 3, 2023 5:30 PM

#### Meditative Singing

47 In the Lord

El Senyor

*♩ = 69*

Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F C B♭ A<sup>3</sup>

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-  
 El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'haçestat la sal-va-ci-

Dm C F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C *fine* F Dm C

fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the  
 ó. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. El Se-

Our darkness

♩ = 66

F# Bm Am D G F#

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the  
 La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

Bm A D Em6 F#sus fine F#

deep - est night is clear as the day light. Our  
 nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè re. La té -

Wait for the Lord

Lento (♩ = 48)

Em C Am6 B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Em D G Am B Em

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

*Silence*

**Prayer**

Psalm 80:14-15, 19

Return to us, God Almighty  
Look down from Heaven and see  
Watch over this vine,  
The root your right hand has planted,  
The son you have raised up for yourself.  
Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
Make your face shine on us,  
That we may be saved.

*Silence*

**Reading**

Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

O comforting fire of Spirit,  
Life, within the very Life of all Creation.  
Holy you are in giving life to All.

Holy you are in anointing  
those who are not whole;  
Holy you are in cleansing  
a festering wound.

O sacred breath,  
O fire of love,  
O sweetest taste in my breast  
which fills my heart  
with a fine aroma of virtues.

O most pure fountain  
through whom it is known  
that God has united strangers  
and inquired after the lost.

O breastplate of life  
and hope of uniting  
all members as One,  
O sword-belt of honor,  
enfold those who offer blessing.

Care for those  
who are imprisoned by the enemy  
and dissolve the bonds of those  
whom Divinity wishes to save.  
O mightiest path which penetrates All,  
from the height to every Earthly abyss,  
you compose All, you unite All.

Through you clouds stream, ether flies,  
stones gain moisture,  
waters become streams,  
and the earth exudes Life.

You always draw out knowledge,  
bringing joy through Wisdom's inspiration.

Therefore, praise be to you  
who are the sound of praise  
and the greatest prize of Life,  
who are hope and richest honor  
bequeathing the reward of Light.

### Song in Response    When the night becomes dark

The image shows a musical score for a song in response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "When the night be - comes dark, your love, O Lord, is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire." The piano accompaniment includes the following chords: Am, E, C6, Dm, C, F6, E, Am.

*Silence*

### **Guided Meditation**

*Long Silence*

## Our Common 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. Amen.

*Silence*

## Invitation for Healing Prayer

*Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. (James 5: 14)*

## Selections to be sung during the healing:

By night

De noche iremos 46

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is for the first part of the hymn, and the second system is for the second part. The first system has a piano part with a dynamic marking of *p* and a key signature of one flat. The second system has a piano part with a dynamic marking of *pp* and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

By night we has - ten, in dark - ness, to seek for the liv - ing wa - ter,  
De no - che i - rem - os, de no - che, que pa - ra en - con - trar la fuen - te,

on - ly our thirst lights us on - wards, on - ly our thirst lights us on - wards. By  
só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra, só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra. De

Chords: Dm C F A Bb A

In God alone

Mon âme se repose 19

♩ = 66

B Em C G D Em Am<sup>7</sup> B Em C D G

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace\_ and joy.  
 Mon â-me se re- pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon\_ se - lut.

Em C G D Em Am<sup>7</sup> B Em Am B *fine* Em B

On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest\_ and peace. In  
 Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â - me se re - po - se, se re - pose\_ en paix. Mon

42 Come and pray in us

Vieni, Spirito creatore

Canon

♩ = 89

(A) Cm G Cm Fm G (B)

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,  
 Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,

(C) (D)

come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come.  
 vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

With you, O Lord No. 31

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is

life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

Holy Spirit, loving Spirit

Veni Creator Spiritus 40

Canon

♩ = 100

(A) Cm G Cm Fm G (B)

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor, ve - ni Cre - a - tor,  
Ho - ly Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it,

(C) (D)

ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.  
ho - ly, lov - ing Spir - it, come!

*Silence*

**Blessing Prayer**

## Going Forth

### 22. SING TO THE LORD Lobe den Herrn

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev - 'ry - thing in me pro - claim God's sal - va - tion.  
Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und al - les in mir sei - nen hei - li - gen Na - men!

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re - mem - ber all of God's mar - vel - ous deeds!  
Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und ver - giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

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### The Icon

In our service this evening, we are featuring an icon painted by local artist Suzan Sommers, entitled "The Black Madonna." The history of figures of women with dark skin which appeared in Europe during the Middle Ages is not clear. Some feel these figures represented the Earth Mother, as a complement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was the "Queen of Heaven." Some say these figures are the result of the way the materials used to create them aged. Others say the inspiration for these figures is from the "Song of Songs," chapter 1, verse 5: "I am black but beautiful." Since no one knows for sure, you may select your favorite among these interpretations or come up with your own. Closer inspection of the painting reveals small figures of the infant Jesus and an angel. You are welcome to approach the painting after the service to view it at closer range.

### The Taizé Pilgrimage Community

Taizé [teh-ZAY] is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers and sisters whose prayer, three times daily, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds travel as pilgrims, to participate in international meetings of prayer, Bible study, and reflection.



The music of the Taizé community is designed as short responses which are sung over and over again by the congregation. This repetition of a short phrase or two quiets the busy, everyday chatter of the mind so worshippers can access the deeper realms of heart and soul. As the congregation repeats this response (ostinato), the cantor and instrumentalists overlay this melody with their own, either composed or improvised.

Some of the texts are in Latin. The sound of the Latin vowels is especially clear and simple, helping to create the beauty and calm of the music. If you prefer, however, you may sing all the chants in English.

Healing is a journey  
toward spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental wholeness.  
Healing happens in relationship  
with Self, Others, and God.  
Healing brings peace.