

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

November 2, 2022 Giving Thanks

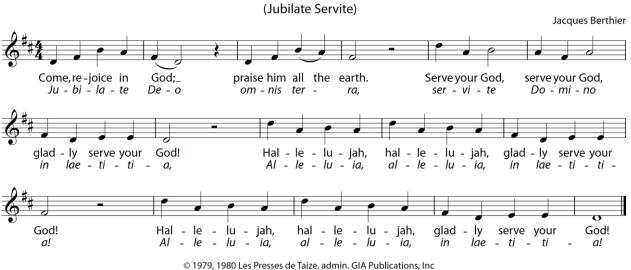
ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

The Light of Christ's love and peace.

May it shine brightly in each of us!

GATHERING SONG

Come, Rejoice in God



THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138 | The Message

Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!" Angels listen as I sing my thanks. I kneel in worship facing your holy temple and say it again: "Thank you!" Thank you for your love, thank you for your faithfulness; most holy is your name, most holy is your Word. The moment I called out, you stepped in; you made my life large with strength. When they hear what you have to say, God, all earth's kings will say "Thank you." They'll sing of what you've done: "How great the glory of God!" And here's why: God, high above, sees far below; no matter the distance, he knows everything about us. When I walk into the thick of trouble, keep me alive in the angry turmoil. With one hand strike my foes, with your other hand save me. Finish what you started in me, God. Your love is eternal – don't quit on me now.

SILENCE

SONG

In the Lord



SCRIPTURE

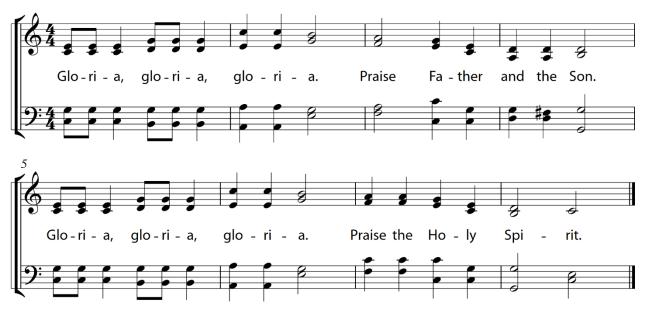
Colossians 3:15-20 | Contemporary English Version

Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other. With thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Whatever you say or do should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to God the Father because of him.

SILENCE

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Jacques Berthier



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SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19 | Contemporary English Version

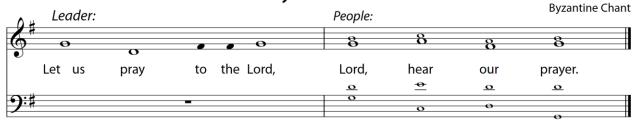
On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men with leprosy came toward him. They stood at a distance and shouted, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Jesus looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." On their way they were healed. When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God. He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was from the country of Samaria. Jesus asked, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well."

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Let us Pray to the Lord



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For the Church, that it will always be a faithful sign and instrument of Christ's peace....
For the world, that the peace of Christ might take root in every human heart...
For the end to all forms of violence, hatred and division, that God's peace will reign...
For all those who need healing, that they will experience God's comfort and love...
For ourselves that we might hear the call to love and become peace-makers...

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MEDITATION | Pastor Nathan Adams

COMMUNION

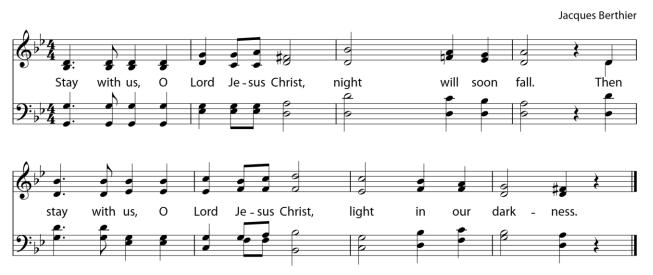
SONG

Taste and See



CANDLELIGHTING

Stay with Us



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READING | Henri Nouwen

Gratitude goes beyond the "mine" and "thine" and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.

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CLOSING PRAYER | Joyce Rupp

O gracious God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm and the pattern of our existence. Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth, and unearned love. Amen.

Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace



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DEPART IN PEACE

The next prayer service in the Taizé style will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Taizé services are characterized by the reading of scripture, repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, and long periods of silence where one can listen for God's voice.

Singing is one of the most important forms of prayer. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can quickly be grasped by the intellect, and that gradually penetrates the heart and the whole being. These simple chants also provide a way of praying when one is alone, during the day or at night, or even in the silence of one's heart while one is working.

- from Songs and Prayers from Taizé