

TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE

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O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come...- Psalm 65:2 (NRSV)



"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." — Anne Frank

Gathering as the Body of Christ

CENTERING SONG

“BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL”

INSTRUMENTAL

GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

Taizé is a form of Christian worship native to the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France. One is invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection. It is a time to "come away and rest for a while" through experiencing the simplicity and depth of the Word of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus, and empower our worship:

**So our community can be a sign, among other signs,
of God’s gracious love.**

Come Lord Jesus, and guide our worship:

So we can be a symbol of hope and compassion for the world.

Come Lord Jesus, and move our worship:

So we can be a vision of wholeness and partners in healing.

Great Physician, healer of body, mind, and spirit:

Make us a sign, a symbol, and an embodiment of the vision.

Refresh us with the healing balm of your presence.

We come to worship, seeking hope and healing, offering gratitude and thanksgiving.

**In this time together we offer our prayers and songs to God and words for
each other, for blessing and renewal.**

*OPENING SONG

Come and Fill
Confitemini Domino

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English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Chords: D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D

Lyrics:
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

You are invited to pass the peace to each other in a non-contact way that's comfortable to you and your neighbor.

Service of the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 65

SERMON

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A LITANY OF HEALING LIGHT

God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

Light and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

Light and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:

Light and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to God.

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers. For all who are in need of healing, and for all who give you thanks and praise for healing now. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

(There will be a period of silence after this petition and each of the following petitions. A candle will be lit during each moment of silence)

For all whose spirits are burdened down and struggle to find hope... *silence*

For all whose increasing years bring weariness, frustration, or loneliness... *silence*

For all who suffer from illness or, by your grace and the gift of modern medicine, have survived and live today to sing your praise... *silence*

Light and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to God.

For all who grieve the death of loved ones and friends... *silence*

For all who mourn the loss of meaningful work, financial stability, and unfulfilled dreams... *silence*

Light and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

*CLOSING SONG

Bless the Lord

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The piano accompaniment features chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm. The score ends with a double bar line.

*BENEDICTION

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