



PRIDE SUNDAY : TAIZÉ Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 7 p.m.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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OUR TAIZÉ SERVICE is fashioned after those of a community of brothers who live in an ecumenical community in the village of Taizé of southern France. Founded in 1940 by Roger Louis Schutz-Marcauche (Brother Roger), a Reformed minister, this place has become a pilgrimage for people from around the world. The pilgrims, like the brothers, come from all over the globe and represent a wide spectrum of beliefs including Reformed, Anglican, Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christians. Singing, silence, scripture and prayers make up the worship service. It draws from more contemplative roots where silence and reflection are central to worship and mantra-like music allows the participants to centre their thought on the adoration of God. Most of the music was composed for the community by Jacques Berthier who died in 1994. Through the use of chorales, ostinatos (short, repetitive refrains) and responses worshippers from many diverse traditions and backgrounds are able to participate within a short period of time.

OFFERTORY — If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, we invite you to visit <u>theredeemer.ca/donate</u> via the QR code below. Thank you for joining us today.



We begin in silence with our focus toward the altar. Please bring conversations to an end when entering the worship space. The songs are a form of chanting in Taizé style and is our prayer together as a community. Choose the language you wish to use and harmonies are encouraged. We end each chant when together we feel the time is right.



Opening Song: "Adoremus te Jesu Christe"

Song: "De noche iremos"



Opening Prayer

Christ, Saviour of every life, you come to us always. Welcoming you in the peace of our nights, in the silence of our days, in the beauty of creation, in the hours of intense combat, welcoming you means knowing that you will be with us in every situation, always.

~ Brother Roger of Taizé

Reading

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

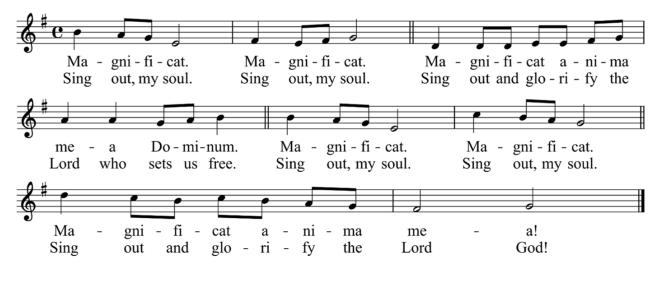
Ezekiel 36.24-28

Psalm 62

Refrain



Canticle: "Magnificat"



Reading

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4.26-29

Song: "Laudate omnes gentes"



Silence is kept for 5 minutes.

During this time of silence, you are welcome to meditate on the prayer below. You are also invited to light a candle for a special intention. Tapers can be found on the table. The large candle in the centre represents our collective prayer for peace in the world.

Will you be among those who, all over the world, search for perseverance in God and commit all their inner and spiritual resources to anticipate confidence between peoples, peace and reconciliation, not on the surface but in the depths? You aspire to follow Christ: you can only encounter his by placing your trust in him; there is no other way.

~ Brother Roger of Taizé

Intercessions

Common Prayer

All: God, who cares for us, The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe, Let justice, kindness and love shine in our world. Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven. Give us the food and the hope we need for today. Forgive us our wrongdoing as we forgive the wrongs done to us. Protect us from pride and from despair and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up. In you is truth, meaning, glory and power, while worlds come and go. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

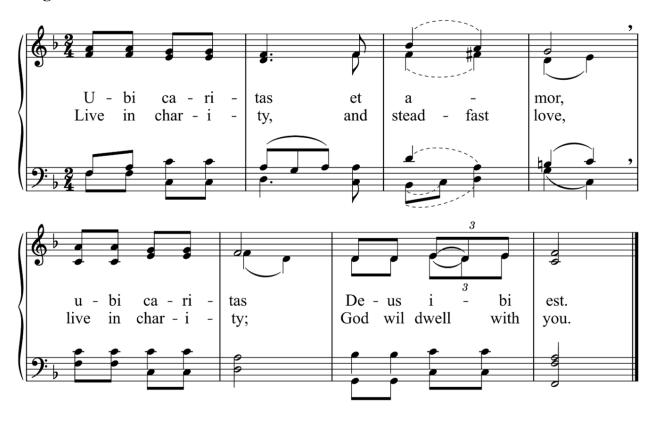
Risen Christ, you take us with our hearts just as they are. Why think we must wait for our hearts to be changed before we go to you? You transfigure them. With our thorns, you light a fire, The open wound in us is the place through which your love comes streaming. And within the hurts themselves, you bring to fruition a communion with you. Your voice comes to rend our night, and the gateways of praise open up within us.

~ Brother Roger of Taizé

Meditative Song : "In the Lord"



Song : "Ubi caritas"



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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, July 2 (Proper 13A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, July 9 (Proper 14A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM –Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)