



Proper 3B: Taizé

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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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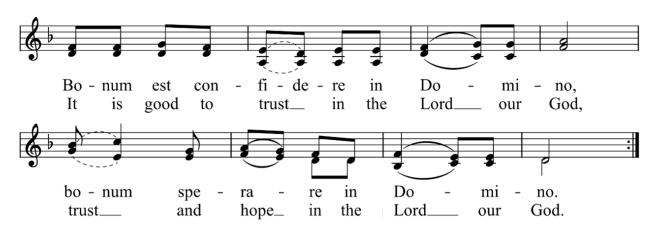
OUR TAIZÉ SERVICE is fashioned after those of a community of brothers who live in an ecumenical community in the village of Taizé of southern France. Founded in 1940 by Roger Louis Schutz-Marcauche (Brother Roger), a Reformed minister, this place has become a pilgrimage for people from around the world. 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.

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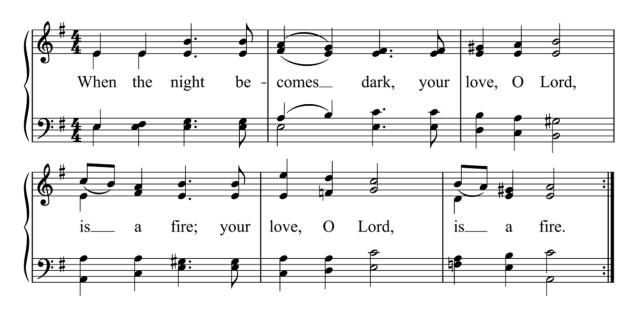


We begin in silence with our focus toward the altar. Please bring conversations to an end when entering the worship space. The songs are a form of chanting in Taizé style and is our prayer together as a community. Choose the language you wish to use, and harmonies are encouraged. We end each chant when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

Opening Song: "Bonum est confidere"



Song: "When night becomes dark"



Opening Prayer

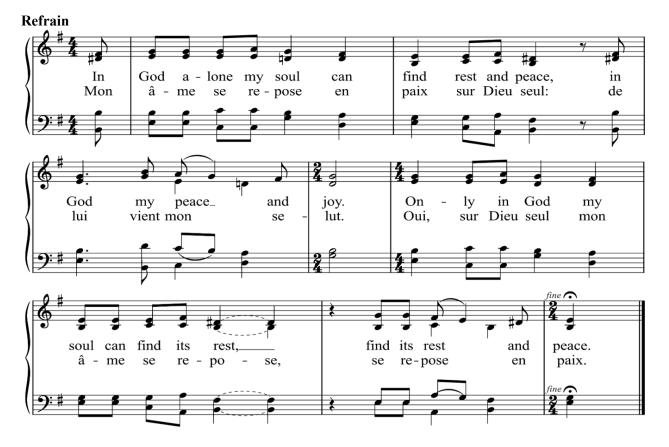
In the footsteps of the holy witnesses of all the ages, since Mary, John the Baptist and the apostles to the believers of today, grant us to prepare ourselves inwardly, day after day, to place our trust in the mystery of faith.

Reading

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22.1-5

Psalm 62



Canticle: "Sanctum nomen Domini"



Reading

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

John 14.27-29

Song: "Adoramus te Domine"



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.

God understands every human language. Remaining close to him in silence is already prayer: your lips remain closed but your heart is speaking, and by the Holy Spirit, Christ prays in you more than you can imagine.

– 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.

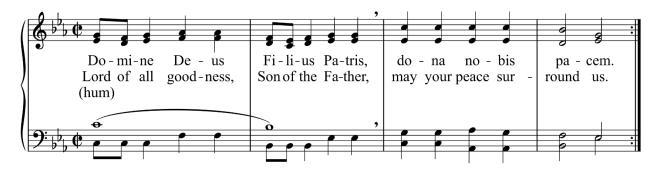
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,

while worlds come and go. Amen.

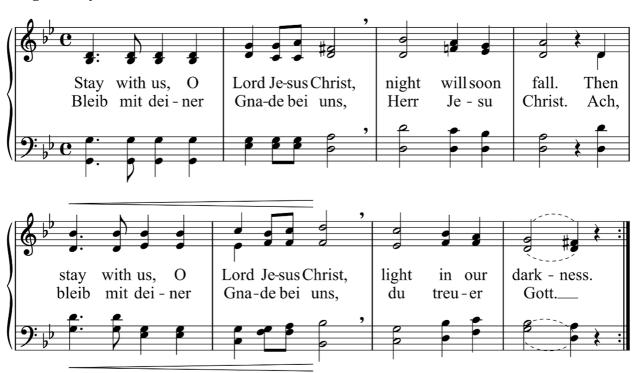
Concluding Prayer

Lord Christ, you see us sometimes strangers on the earth, taken aback by the violence, by the harshness of oppositions. And you come to send out a gentle breeze on the dry ground of our doubts, and so prepare us to be bearers of peace and reconciliation.

Meditative Song: "Domine Deus"



Song: "Stay with us"



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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, January 28 (Proper 4B)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM - Taizé

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, February 4 (Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)