



VIGIL OF PRAYER FOR ALICE SPRINGS



TAIZÉ HEALING SERVICE

Saturday 4 February 2023

7.30pm

Singers and musicians welcome 6.45pm

Supper follows this service

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Welcome to this service of reflective prayer. The words and songs of this service move in and out of an underlying silence. There will be a period of silence between each section of the service.

Song

Within our darkest night

You kindle a fire that never dies away, never dies away. (Taizé)

Christ Jesus, you never lead us into discouragement.

Though there be many trials in store for each person, there is above all a compassion that comes from you. it brings us back to life.

Song

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom. (Taizé)

Christ Jesus, we bring before you the people of Alice Springs.

As we hear of the chaos and violence that threatens to take over that city, pray that the light of your peace to break through to a new dawn.

The Lighting of the Candles

L. Come to us this night O God,

R. Come to us with light.

L. Speak to us this night O God,

R. Speak to us your truth

L. Dwell with us this night O God,

R. Dwell with us in Love.

Song

God is forgiveness,

Dare to forgive and God will be with you,

God is forgiveness,

Love and do not fear (Taizé)

Jesus of mercy you feel the wounds of all your people.

Give us all the gift of compassion and understanding, a readiness to forgive and to seek forgiveness of others.

Song

In God alone my soul shall find rest and peace

In God my peace and joy.

Only in God my soul can find its rest

Find its rest and peace`. (Taizé)

*Jesus, our hope, enable all your people to hear your voice when you say “I love you”.
Overshadow all the residents of Alice Springs with an assurance of their value and
purpose and a sense of security in you.*

Song

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

(Taizé)

Reading:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free..” (Lk: 4.18)

Homily The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

Intercessions

L. Lord hear our prayer

R.

○ Lord hear my prayer, ○ lord hear my prayer,

When I call answer me,

○ Lord hear my prayer, ○ lord hear my prayer,

Come and listen to me.

The Lord's Prayer

Songs during the time of ministry and candle lighting

Song

Sing praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord
Sing praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord
(Taizé)

Song

Ubi caritas et amor
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est (Taizé)
(Where charity and love are found, God is there)

Concluding Prayer

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you:
Deep peace of Christ. (Scots Celtic Prayer)

Blessing

Final Song.

Be not afraid, my love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear
Be not afraid, my love is stronger,
And I have promised, promised to be always near. (John Bell)

Notices

The next Taizé service will be Saturday 4 March 2023
Thank you for coming and sharing our prayer for the people in Alice Springs.
There is a collection plate at the back of the Cathedral if you are able to
contribute to the running of these services.

Supper is provided at the back of the Cathedral