



A reflective service with candlelight
and the music of the Taizé community

Saturday 3 May 2025

7.30 pm

Singers welcome 6.45pm

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. We remain seated throughout the liturgy in order to maintain a sense of stillness in the midst of the relentless activity of our lives.

Opening Song

Jubilate Deo, jubilate Deo, alleluia!

Songs and Prayers from Taize:23

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKVsQCkfVZI>

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

Bless the Lord my soul,
And bless God's Holy name
Bless the Lord my soul,
Who leads me into life

(Taizé Bk.1:9)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=bless+the+lord+my+soul+taize

SENTENCE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

SILENCE

Song

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
And I have promised, promised to be always near .

(John Bell)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e-c8NP7cY8>

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SILENCE

Homily Anna Zweck
Intercessions

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
When I call - answer me
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iYPPaqOaNo>

The Lord's Prayer

Music for reflection and lighting of candles

Song O __ Surrexit Christus, alleluia!
 O __ Cantate Domino, alleluia!
 (O Christ is Risen Alleluia, O Sing to God Alleluia)

Solo verses

1. All you heavens, bless the Lord. Stars of the heavens, bless the Lord.
2. Sun and moon, bless the Lord; and you, night and day, bless the Lord.
3. Frost and cold, bless the Lord. Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
4. Fire and heat, bless the Lord; and you, light and darkness, bless the Lord.
5. Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. Saints and the humble hearted bless the Lord.

6. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for God's love has no end.
7. The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song; God has been my Savior.
8. I shall not die, I shall live. I shall live and recount God's deeds.

(Taize: Songs for Prayer: 23)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=QaFWVZ2tWz4&ab_channel=SaintAndrewsEpiscopalChurch%2CSeattle

Song Jesus the Lord is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia
Jesus the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia, Alleluia
www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4D6pUvRaVI

Conclusion

The darkness has passed. The promise of God from before all time is fulfilled. The love of God has redeemed us. Rejoice with the heavens! Dance with the stars! Leap with all creation! Praise and bless the Lord our God, for Christ Jesus, who died our death has triumphed and won for us eternal life.

Blessing

Song

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Notices

Please stay for supper at the back of the Cathedral

There will be no collection but offering plates are available if you are able to support this ministry. Thank you.

Next Taizé service Saturday June 2, 7.30pm.