ALL SAINTS

Taizé Worship and Prayer

Monday, November 2, 2026



"The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer: by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us. By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him." Brother Alois, Letter from Cochabamba

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After the spoken word there will be a few minutes of silence. We are invited to reflect on a word, phrase, image or verse that captures our attention. We can then spend time meditating on that word. You may wish to ask God why that particular word spoke to you. You may wish to have a conversation with God in the silence of your heart about that word. Then simply rest in that word from God, and enjoy God's presence in our midst.

Prelude ***"Minuet from Le Tombeau de Couperin"*** Maurice Ravel

Song: Come and Fill

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with you peace, alleluia!

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

Song: In God Alone

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
In God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find rest,
Find its rest and peace.

First Reading 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Silence

Song: In the Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice,
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Second Reading Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

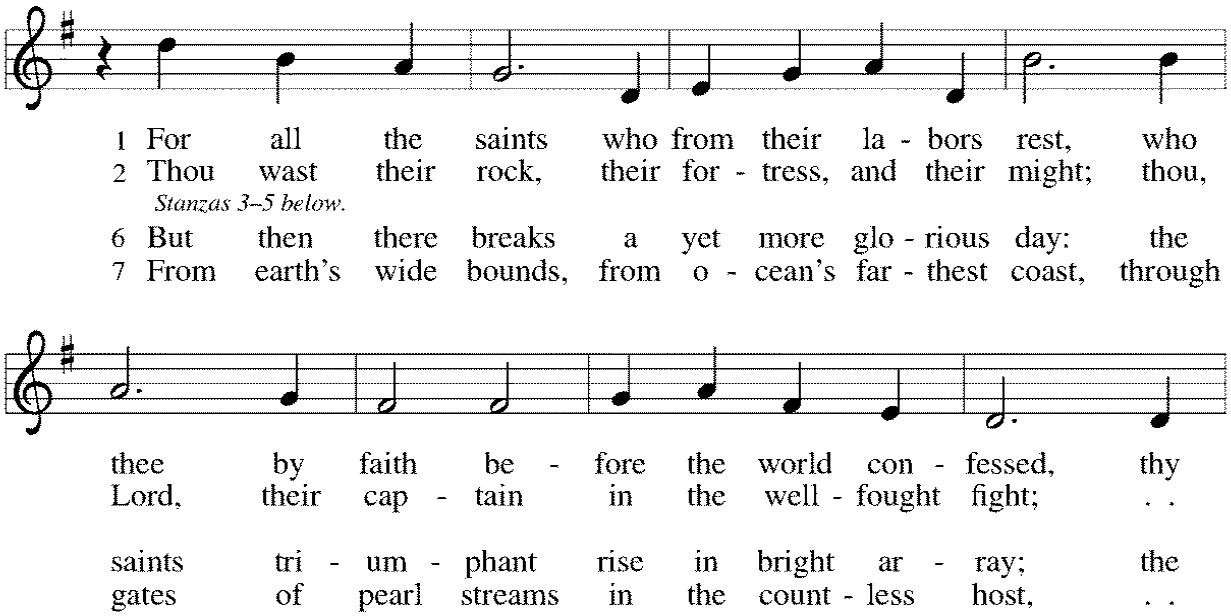
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Long Silence

HYMN 422 *“For All the Saints”*

During the hymn you are invited to come forward, light a candle in memory of a sainted loved one, and place it in one of the trays of sand on the altar.





INTERCESSIONS (Response: Hear our prayer.)

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors: ***Frederick E. Barrell, Jr., Karin Bergesen, Peter Bear Bonenfant, Gina Cirincione, Wendy Erlandson, Franklin R. Fox, Jr., Ilse Fuchs, Lotte Gagliardotto, Dorothy Galea, Karin Gray, Sara Holly, Barbara LaValle, Lorraine K. Miller, Corlyn Nedwick, Margaret Pecchio, Frederick Rathje, Sheila Schmidt, Roy Starke, Vendetta Vita, Ruth Ann Wagner, Arthur Wakefield***. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he (+) who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

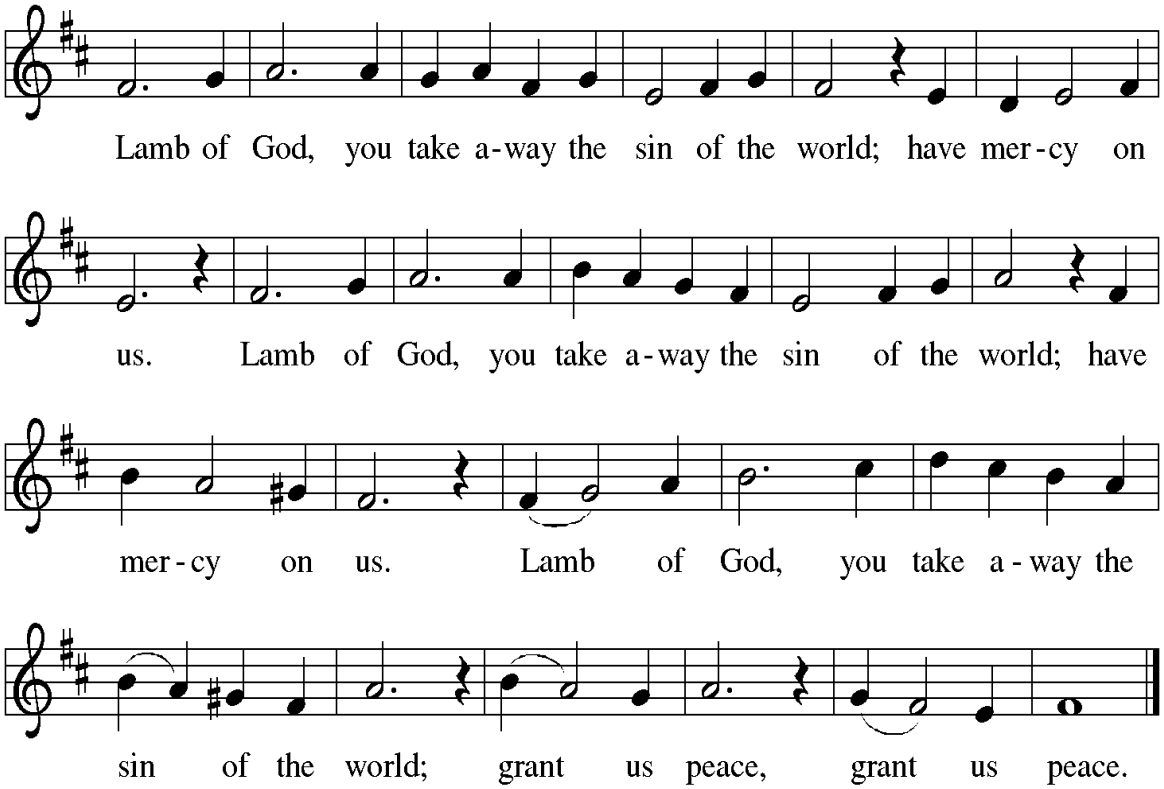
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.
Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



Please sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

Gluten-free wafers are available. When you come forward, please let your Communion Minister know if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION HYMN 472 *"Eat This Bread"*





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Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Song: Jesus Remember Me

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Icons

Icons contribute to the beauty of worship. They are like windows open on the realities of the Kingdom of God, making them present in our prayer on earth. Although icons are images, they are not simply illustrations or decorations. They are symbols of the incarnation, a presence which offers to the eyes the spiritual message that the Word addresses to the ears.

Silence

At times prayer becomes silent. Peaceful communion with God can do without words. "I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother." Remaining silent, we trust and hope in God. Silence makes us ready for new meeting with God. In silence, God's word can reach the hidden corners of our hearts.

Meditative Singing

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God. To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song.

The Taizé Community

Taizé is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France not far from the town of Cluny. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

Brother Roger first came to the village of Taizé in 1940, at the age of twenty-five. He dreamt of starting a community "on account of Christ and the Gospel," and he chose to do so in an area, in those years, strongly marked by human distress. It was wartime, and his house became a place of welcome for refugees, especially Jews, fleeing from the Nazi occupation. After living alone for two years he was joined by his first brother, and in 1940, when there were seven of them, they committed themselves, for life, to celibacy and to life together. Year after year, other brothers make the same monastic commitments.

At first, the community was made up of brothers from different Protestant denominations. Today it includes many Catholics as well. By its very nature Taizé is an ecumenical community. It is also international. Its eighty or so brothers come from some twenty different countries throughout the world.

Taizé's vocation is to strive for communion among all. From its beginnings, the community has worked for reconciliation among Christians split apart into different denominations. However, the brothers do not view reconciliation among Christians as the end in itself; it concerns all of humanity, since it makes the Church a place of communion for all.

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