

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026, 7:00pm



Each Friday evening at Taizé, everyone gathers
for the prayer around the cross,
a moment to lay down at the cross of Christ
our own burdens and those of others.

“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

Song of Praise: O Lord, Your Cross

O Lord, your cross, we adore and glorify,
For your holy resurrection, we praise you Lord of life.
We praise you and we glorify you.
For your holy resurrection, we praise you Lord of life.

Psalm

Silent Prayer

Song: Stay with Me (w/Cantor)

Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray,
watch and pray.

First Reading

Silent Prayer

Song: Bless the Lord, My Soul (w/Cantor)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Second Reading

Silent Prayer

Song: Within Our Darkest Night

Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.
Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer (sung in unison) p. 163 ELW

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
Forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen

Prayer

Song: The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.
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in God I trust, in God I trust.

Song: Jesus Remember Me

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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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.