

“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him is the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.”

~St. Augustine

What is a Taize prayer service?

Taize is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, scripture, and silence.

Taize is the exchange with God as he 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. This service allows us to embrace the presence of Jesus.



***Preludes:** The String Quartet*

***Gathering:** In Silence*

Hymns of Prayer

*“Stay With Me”: Stay with me. Remain here with me.
Watch and pray; watch and pray.*

*“Bless the Lord”: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s
holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who
leads me into life.*

***Opening Prayer:** Rev. Philip Rodgers*

Silent Prayer: (8 Minutes)

Introduction to the Sacred Scripture Reading

“Surely the Presence”: *Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can feel the brush of angels wing I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*



Sacred Scripture: John 3:16-21

Presider: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John, Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

Meditation after Scripture: “Adoramus”

Introduction to the Holy Silence:

“Stay With Us”: “Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall. Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness”

Sacred Silence: (10 Minutes)

Meditation After Silence: String Quartet

Intercessions:

“O Lord, hear my prayer”: 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.

The Lord's Prayer: (Chanted)

Closing Prayer



~Prayer Around the Cross~

Prayer around the cross is a time when we will be able to place our burdens, worries, concerns, illnesses, before our dying Lord upon the Cross. We will lite a candle that represents the light of Christ that is always guiding us along the paths when we need to carry a cross. When we feel that there is only darkness...He will be our ray of light which bring comfort and guidance.

During meditative music, we ask that you come forward and lite a candle and place it in the sand before our Lord. Place your whole self before Jesus and allow him to take those burdens and place them onto the Cross. Please remember to keep social distancing and keep your mask on while coming forward.

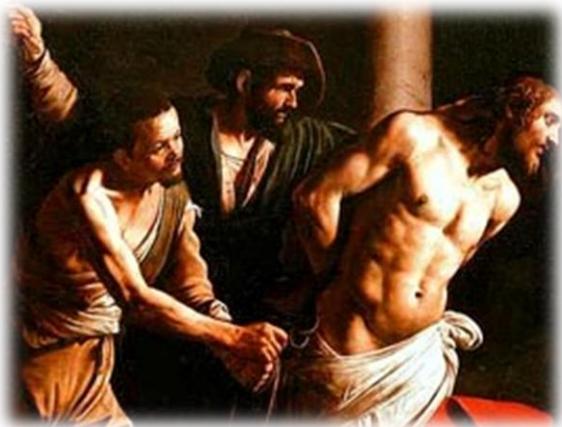
Procession of Cross & Incensing of the Cross:

"Were You There": Strings

Veneration Hymns:

*"Meditation": Jesus, Jesus, precious Savior,
heal us, hold us, help us find rest.*

*"Jesus Remember Me": "Jesus remember me when you
come into your kingdom.
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come into your kingdom."*



Final Reflection Hymn:

“Soul of My Savior”:

1. *Soul of my Savior, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Savior, bathe me in thy tide;
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.*

2. *Strength and protecting may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.*

3. *Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death’s dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high,
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.*

Recessional: Leave in Silence after Presiders leaves first.

