

O Lord, Hear [Our] Prayer

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When I call answer [us].

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Come and listen to [us].

Dona Nobis Pacem, Domine

Dona nobis pacem, Domine

(Give to us your peace)

Confitemini Domino

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

All Will Be Well

All will be well. All will be well.
All manner of things will be well.

Taizé

Good Friday Worship

April 14, 2006



Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Taizé is an ecumenical community in France, which focuses on reconciliation with Christ and the world. This community welcomes people from around the world to join with them in sharing worship and prayer as the foundation for reflection and action. You may find more information on the Taizé community at their website <http://www.taize.fr/>

Taizé worship is simple and quite, including prayer-chants in various languages, times of silence for reflection, prayers, and Scripture readings. When singing, please listen to the tune and follow along with the words written below.

Da Pacem Cordium

Da pacem cordium. Da pacem cordium.
Da Pacem. Da Pacem.

(Give peace to every heart.

Give peace to every heart.

Give peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord.)

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Listening to the Word

Within Our Darkest Night

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

Reading of Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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Silence for Reflection

Reading of Psalm 22

Misericordias Domini

Misericordias Domini
in aeternum cantabo

(Forever will I sing
the mercy of the Lord)

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Intercession, singing in between...

Kyrie Eleison 19

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Listening God, we bring our prayers to you with confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus. God of Compassion, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

You hold out your hand of mercy. We pray for ourselves and those who are dear to us. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

You turn your face toward the wounded world. We pray for our community and our neighbors. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

You hear the cries of your people. We pray for the church in all places; strengthen us to speak boldly for Christ. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

You overcome evil with good. We pray for peacemakers and for all who serve in the name of Christ. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

You are our help and our shield. We pray for our enemies and for those who are in conflict. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts (*open prayers*). In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.** (singing)

Because of your faithfulness, we pray with courage the prayer that Jesus prayed (Matthew 6.9-13)...

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.” For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Journey to the Cross

Reading of John 19.14-19, 24-30

Invitation to Prayers before the Cross.

Our prayers can find expression in a simple gesture. Those who wish may rest their foreheads for a moment on the wood of the Cross. By this gesture we commit to Christ, in another way than by words, all this is weighing us down and all the burdens of others, near or far away – the victimized, the deprived and the persecuted. This form of prayer, was developed by young people in Eastern Europe.

Prayer ministers are available to pray with you if you desire; they are sitting on the front rows.

Once the singing concludes, you are welcome to leave quietly and join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall upstairs, to sit in silence for a while, or to continue praying around the cross.