

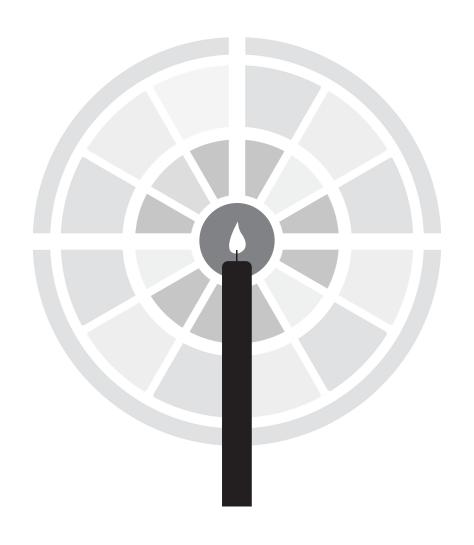
CANDLELIT PRAYER

with music from

TAIZÉ

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

7:00 PM



Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Duwamish Tribe.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral and this service of Taizé Prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

Taizé Prayer is an ecumenical prayer service that was begun in the 1950s in Taizé, France, by Brother Roger Schütz. The service is marked by alternating between meditative chants, readings, silence, and candle lighting. You are invited to participate using this service leaflet as a guide.

To learn more about Taizé Prayer, visit www.taize.fr/en.

If you are new to Saint Mark's and would like to learn more, please consider completing a newcomer form found in the pew rack, visit <u>saintmarks.org/newcomers</u> or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

ABOUT THE ICON: The icon that is the focus of our prayer tonight is "Christ Pantocrator" (meaning "Ruler of All"). It was written by Alexander Stalnov in 2004 and lives across from the "Virgin of the Sign" icon in McCaw Chapel. Saint Mark's icons are the fruit of special relationships developed by a group of parishioners led by Dick and Jane Carter during their many trips to Russia in the 1980s and 90s.

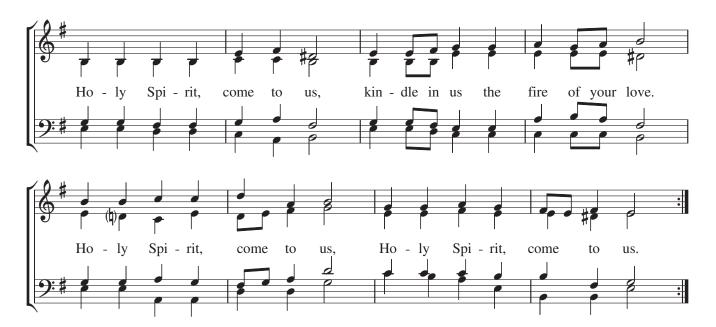
As the community gathers, all are invited to settle in silence. You may remain seated throughout the entire service.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

This and each song will repeat for several minutes. All are invited to join in the singing.

GATHERING SONG Holy Spirit, come to us

WORDS: Taizé; MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



Psalm 27:1-10,18 ◆ Dominus illuminatio

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 617

Please join the lector in reading the Psalm aloud, starting after the first asterisk.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

PSALM

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

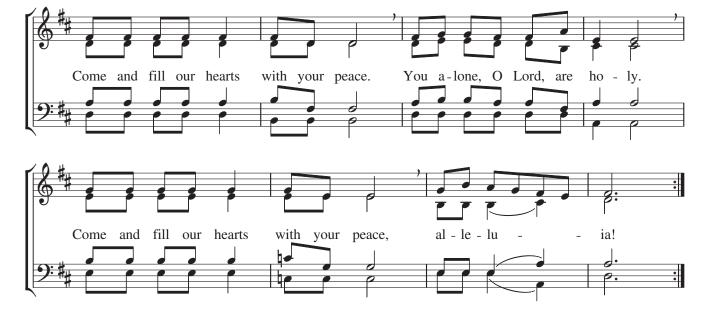
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD. •

SONG Come and fill our hearts with your peace

WORDS: Psalm 136:1; MUSIC: Berthier



READING *John* 14:23-29

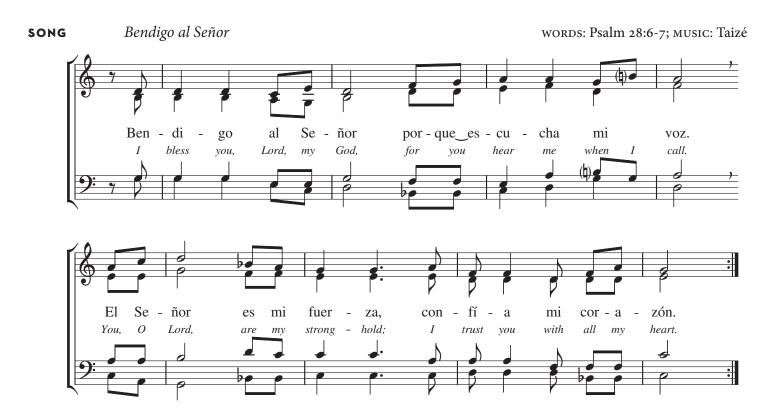
JESUS answered Judas (not Iscariot), "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word that you hear isn't mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. You have heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and returning to you.' If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe." •

All are invited to remain seated in silence, for yourself and others, and enter into an extended period of meditation.

THE GREAT SILENCE



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The vocalist introduces the Kyrie, all repeat. The intercessor offers the prayers, all repeat the Kyrie when indicated.

Intercessor Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in peace. Surround us with your love as we face again the tragedy of gun violence.

For the children and adults who have been killed by gun violence, recently in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Tulsa, and in other communities, for the many who have been wounded and hospitalized, for the traumatized, grieving survivors, and those known to you alone, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor God of Righteousness, you have granted our leaders power and responsibility to protect us, and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Strengthen their devotion to our common life and give them clarity of purpose.

For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor God of Compassion, we give you thanks for first responders: police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the schools, the malls and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place every day. Give them courage and sound judgment in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims.

For our brothers and sisters who risk their lives and serenity as they rush to our aid, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope.

For all whose lives are forever changed and broken by the scourge of gun violence, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor God Who Remembers, may we not forget those who have died, more than 18,000 in the past six months, in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine. Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care.

For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor God of Tender Mercy, be with those who are overwhelmed, enraged, frustrated and demoralized by the plague of gun violence. Give them a sense of your presence and plant in them the seed of hope.

For those whose hope for life in this world is shattered and broken, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Give us courage to confront our false gods and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Help us rise above our dread that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change.

For your dream of a world where children are safe and all of us live together without fear, we pray:

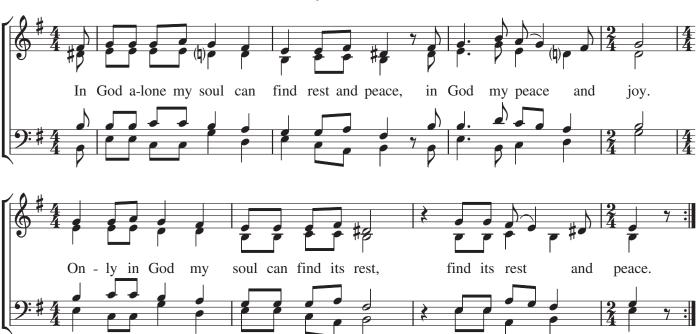
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("Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison." is Greek for "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.")

CANDLE LIGHTING

All are invited to bring the prayers in your heart to Christ, symbolized by lighting a single candle in the candle bowl. Please place your candle as close to the center as possible, working outward as more candles are added.





WORDS: Taizé; MUSIC: Berthier

THE LORD'S PRAYER (prayed by all)

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have not enough.
Let forgiveness flow between us.
Deliver us from evil.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

B REATH of God's loving, Holy Spirit, if we place our trust in you, it is because you lead us to discover this surprising reality: God creates neither fear nor anguish in us; all God can do is love. **Amen.**

- Brother Roger Schütz, founder of Taizé

CLOSING SONG In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.

Thank you for attending this Candlelit Prayer service with music from Taizé at Saint Mark's Cathedral. Please consider supporting the ministries of Saint Mark's by placing money in the offering basket as you leave, or using Venmo (please put Taize in the memo line; the four-digit code is **2076** if asked). May God's peace be with you this night and always.



WORDS: Isaiah 12:2; MUSIC: Berthier

If you are interested in supporting the Taizé Prayer ministry at Saint Mark's, please speak to Cathedral Sacristan Michael Seewer, or contact him at mseewer@saintmarks.org.

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