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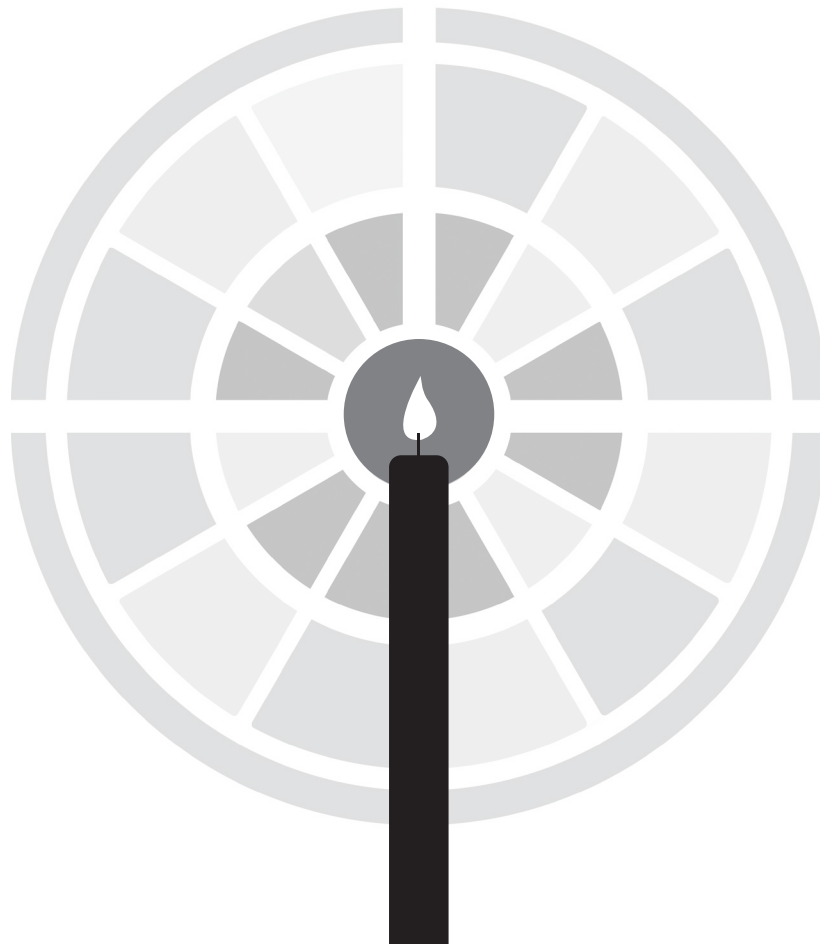
CANDLELIT PRAYER

*with music from*

TAIZÉ

Tuesday, September 6, 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 at Saint Mark's, visit [saintmarks.org/taize](http://saintmarks.org/taize).

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 [saintmarks.org/newcomers](http://saintmarks.org/newcomers) or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

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 Lord Jesus Christ

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

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us, let not my  
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with-  
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té -

in us, let my heart al - ways wel - come your love. (Lord Je - sus)  
rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour. (Jé - sus le)

PSALM

Psalm 34:8-15 ♦ *Benedicam Dominum*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 628

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

TASTE and see that the LORD is good; \*  
 happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
 for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Who among you loves life \*  
 and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
 and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; \*  
 seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
 and his ears are open to their cry. ♦

SONG

*Christ, you are light*

WORDS: cf. John 8:12 ; MUSIC: Taizé

Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you.  
 Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur te

You come to bring to all the light of life.  
 ha - be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.

**READING***Matthew 5:3-16*

**J**ESUS said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” ♦

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

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

Lord, you are liv-ing wa - ter, you are light and fire, you are love.  
*Tu sei sor - gen - te vi - va, tu sei fuo - co, sei ca - ri - tá*

Come, O Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, O Ho - ly Spi - rit.  
*Vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to, vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to,*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*Intercessor* We celebrate the blessing of our earthly home, part of the vast universe within your creation. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*Intercessor* We lament the way our habits harm the earth. Move us to repent and to live in harmony with the earth. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*Intercessor* Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others so that all may act with integrity and courage. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*Intercessor* Breathe fresh life into your Church and inspire us to be your hands in the world. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*Intercessor* Strengthen us to care for those near and far who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*Intercessor* Be present with those fleeing war and violence, and in your divine wisdom, may wars be made to cease and peace be established everywhere there is conflict. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*Intercessor* We thank you for Saint Mark and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. We remember those who have died and entrust them to your love. We pray:

**People** **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

*("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.

## SONG DURING CANDLE LIGHTING *How blessed the poor in heart*

WORDS: Luke 6:20; MUSIC: Taizé

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and contemplative, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a French translation underneath. The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

How bless-ed the poor in heart, for theirs is the kingdom of heav-en.  
Be - a - ti voi po - ve - ri, per-ché vos-tro é il re - gno di Di - o.

## 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**

**J**ESUS, our peace, you never abandon us. Send your Holy Spirit to open a way forward, a way that consists of resting in God's fathomless depth of compassion.  
**Amen.**

- Brother Roger Schütz, founder of Taizé, adapt.

**CLOSING SONG** *The Kingdom of God*

WORDS: cf. Romans 14:17; MUSIC: Taizé

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. (The)

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit.' and 'Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. (The)'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

*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.*



*If you are interested in volunteering to support the Taizé Prayer ministry at Saint Mark's, please speak to Cathedral Sacristan Michael Seewer, or contact him at [mseewer@saintmarks.org](mailto:mseewer@saintmarks.org).*

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**ABOUT THE ICON:** *The icon that is the focus of our prayer tonight is “Christ Pantocrator” (meaning “Ruler of All”). It was commissioned during a Saint Mark’s pilgrimage to St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2004 and written by Alexander Stalnov. Saint Mark’s had a ministry with Russia, called the Russian Parish Partnership, from 1994–2008. This, and several other icons, came into Saint Mark’s possession as a result of this parish partnership. Two of these icons, “Christ Pantocrator” and “Virgin of the Sign”, are located at the entrance to McCaw Chapel.*



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