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CANDLELIT PRAYER

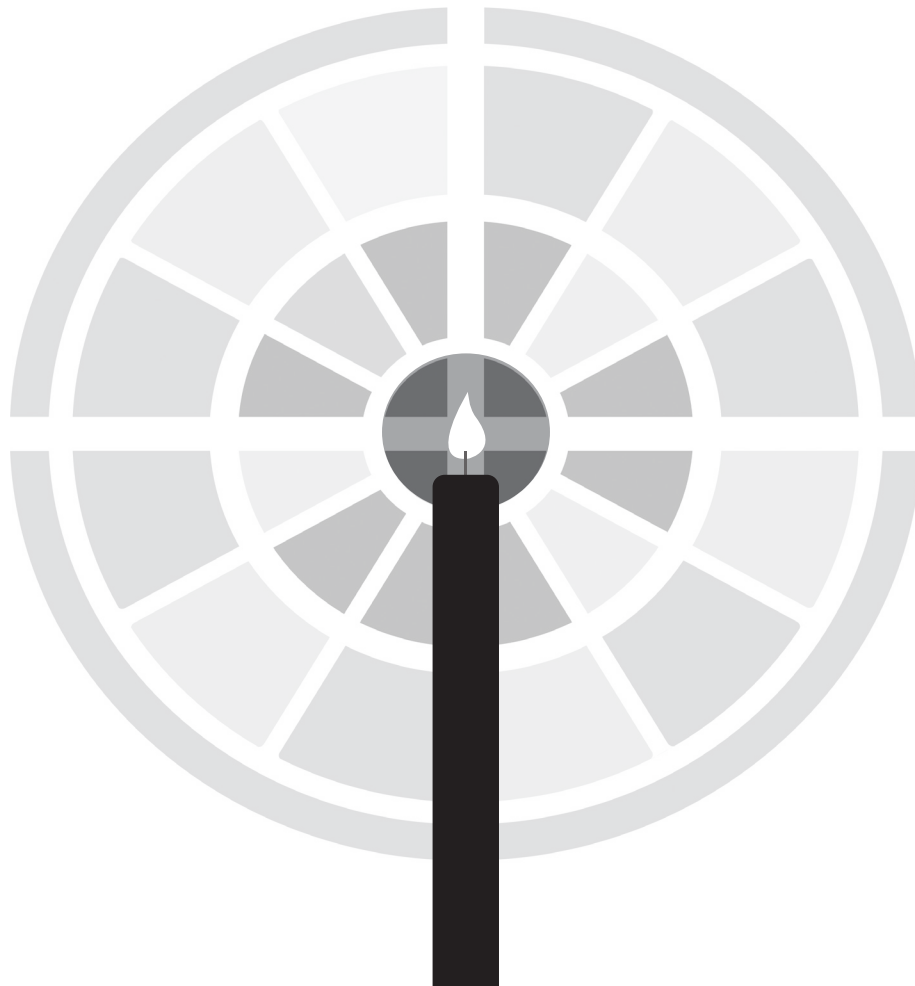
with music from

TAIZÉ

on the Feast of Scholastica of Nursia, Monastic, 543

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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 all the Coast Salish tribes.

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

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 or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

GATHERING SONG *See I am near*

WORDS: Revelation 21:5
MUSIC: Taizé

See, I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new.

(sung underneath the verses)

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PSALM

Psalm 4:1-5 ♦ read by all in unison

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 587

Cum invocarem

ANSWER me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD. ♦

SONG

Jesus, your Spirit in us (Kristus, din ande)

WORDS & MUSIC: Taizé

Je - sus, your Spi - rit in us is a wellspring of life ev - er - last - ing.
 Kris - tus, din A - nde i oss är en käl - la med por - lan - de vat - ten.

READING Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ♦

THE GREAT SILENCE

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

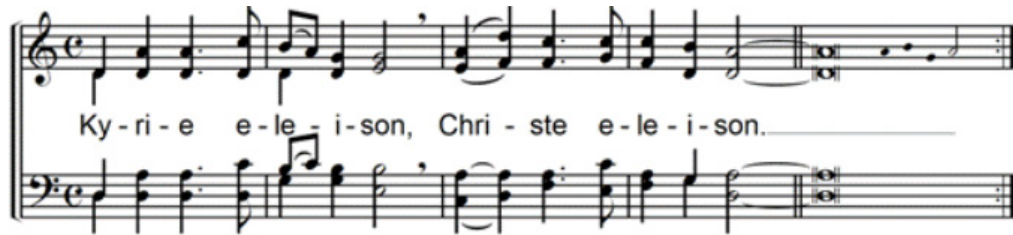
SONG Come and fill our hearts (Confitemini Domino)

WORDS: Psalm 136:1
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - - ia!". The score includes repeat signs at the end of each line.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Taizé



Kyrie 21 (Taizé)

A cantor intones the Kyrie; then all repeat it.

The intercessor offers the prayers, and all respond by singing the Kyrie when indicated.

Intercessor Renew in us, Lord, the joy of your call. Let us pray:

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor Send upon us your Spirit of love: may we never shut our hearts to our neighbor.

Let us pray:

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor Renew the unity between Christians: may they manifest your love by their communion. Let us pray:

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor Support those who suffer in their hearts or in their flesh: restore them to peace and health. Let us pray:

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.**

Intercessor Welcome those who have died into the life of eternity: may their eyes see the light that never sets. Let us 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 *Veni Sancte Spiritus (Holy Spirit, come to us)*

MUSIC: Berthier

Ve - ni, San - cte Spi - ri - tus. —

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Veni Sancte Spiritus'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Ve - ni, San - cte Spi - ri - tus. —' are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(prayed by all)*

Parker Palmer, ad.

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

Lesser Feasts and Fasts (2024)

ASSIST us, O God, to love one another as sisters and brothers, and to balance discipline with love and rules with compassion, according to the example shown by your servant Scholastica; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG *Be still and rejoice*

WORDS: Matthew Briggs

MUSIC: Gregory Bloch

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the last two lines. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Be still (Be still) and re-joice in God, As God re-joices in you." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are several triplet markings in the piano part, corresponding to the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Be still (Be still) and re-joice in God,

As God re-joices in you.

ABOUT SCHOLASTICA OF NURSIA

The twin sister of Benedict of Nursia, founder of the Benedictine order, Scholastica is the patron saint of nuns, having dedicated herself to God in her youth.

What we know about her we owe to the *Dialogues* of Gregory the Great. Although tradition has it that she lived in a large religious community in Plumbariola, there is no evidence that a convent existed there at that time. It is now speculated that she lived in a small hermitage with a few other religious women. Plumbariola was convenient to her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino, and Benedict regularly visited his sister to discuss the scriptures and spiritual matters.

On one such visit, late in her life, Scholastica—perhaps knowing that her time was short—begged her brother to remain overnight. Benedict refused, as this would violate his own monastic rule. Scholastica then prayed for God's intervention, and the weather, which was already threatening, turned violent, so that Benedict was trapped. (Ironically, Scholastica is often invoked against heavy rain!) When he reprimanded his sister, she replied, "See, I asked you, and you would not listen to me. So I asked my Lord, and he has listened to me." Gregory writes, "It is no wonder that the woman who had desired to see her brother that day proved at the same time that she was more powerful than he was."

Three days later, after he had returned to his monastery, Benedict saw his sister's soul, in the form of a dove, ascending to heaven. He had her buried in his own tomb, and when he died he was buried with her.

– *Lesser Feasts & Fasts* (2024)

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