## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

# Inspired by the Taizé Community Sunday, July 10, 2016

#### BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE

Parents, children, partners, friends, enemies; Believers and those who cannot believe; Christians and their fellow Christians.

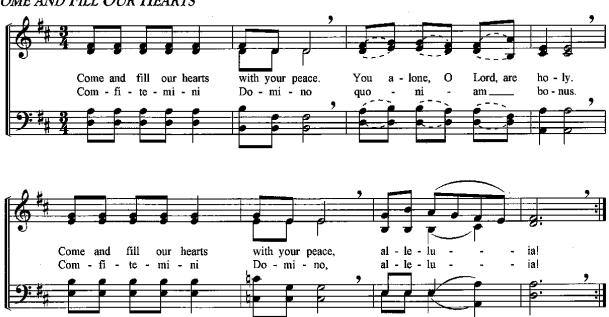
(Variation of greeting posted outside the Church of Reconciliation, Taizé, France)

We begin by centering ourselves in silent prayer.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, you have a call for every one of us. So come, prepare our hearts to discover what it is that you expect of each of us. Amen.

#### COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS



#### **REFRAIN**



(Hum under psalm leader during each verse.)

#### **PSALM**

O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. **Refrain** 

You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. **Refrain** 

Before ever a word is on my tongue you know it, Lord, through and through. **Refrain** 

Behind and before you besiege me, your hand ever laid upon me. **Refrain** 

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, too high, beyond my reach. **Refrain** 

-from Psalm 139

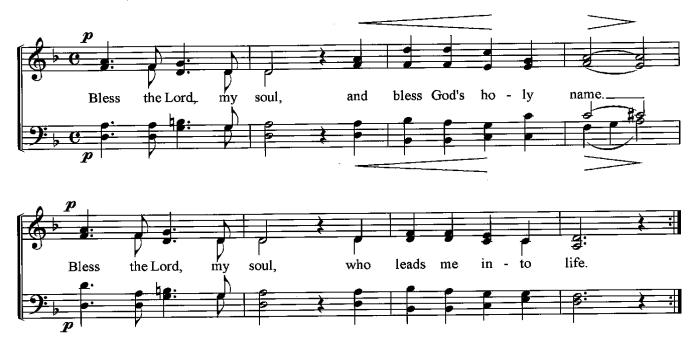
#### READING

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who God is or what God's up to. But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his coming stay ready, with the purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

- I John 3:1-3 The Message



(Donne la paix du cœur, donne la paix. / Dona la pace del cuore, dona la pace. / Give peace to our hearts. / Gib den Frieden des Herzens. Gib Frieden. / Da la paz del corazón. Da la paz. / Daj pokój serca. / Даруй мир сердцам нашим.)



#### **SILENCE**

Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Holy Spirit, is already prayer.

#### **INTERCESSIONS**

Risen Christ, you fill our lives with your compassion so that we may always seek you.

Risen Christ, you know our longing: lead us on the path of eternity.

Risen Christ, we pray to you for those who are just beginning to know you.

Risen Christ, we pray to you for those who cannot believe: your love is always offered.

Risen Christ, you are the support of those who encounter difficulties and discouragement: lead us on the path of eternity.

Risen Christ, we pray to you for those who have been victims of violence and humiliation: come to heal their wounds.

Risen Christ, you guide us by your Spirit: gather all the nations into your Kingdom.

#### Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

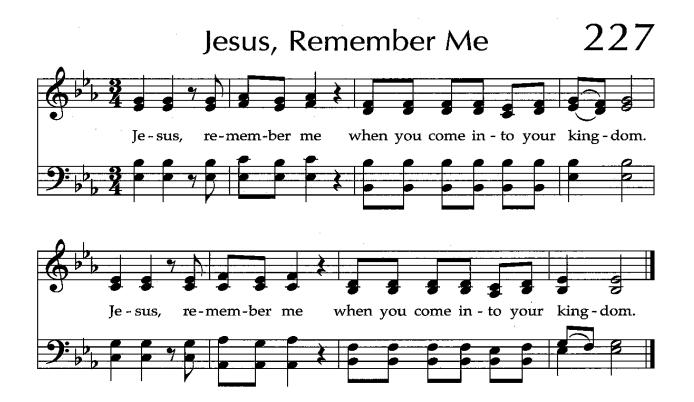
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **PRAYER**

Jesus our joy, by your continual presence within us, you lead us to give our life.
Even if we forget you your love remains, and you send your Holy Spirit upon us. Amen.

## 14. CHRISTE, LUX MUNDI Christ, You Are Light







Our next Prayer Service will be on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM here in the Chapel.

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**About Taizé:** Taizé is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France, not far from the town of Cluny. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

**Taizé's vocation** is to strive for communion among all. From its beginning, the community has worked for reconciliation among Christians split apart into different denominations. But the brothers do not view reconciliation among Christians as the end in itself; it concerns all humanity, since it makes the Church a place of communion for all.

**Singing** is one of the most essential elements of Taizé worship. Short chants, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.