

Taizé Service

March 12, 2025



First Presbyterian Church Albany, NY

Welcome to our Lenten Taizé Worship. This service is patterned after worship in the ecumenical community of Taizé. Their sung and silent participatory prayer services are designed for contemplation through music, song and silence. The brothers of Taizé explain, "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." Scripture is read slowly, candles are to enhance contemplative worship. The different tempo of the Taizé service encourages us to break away from the hurried sense of our lives and breathe in the presence of Christ and community.

Welcome

One: The Lord be with you.

All:

And also with you.

Gathering Song

Sing Out My Soul



Sing out my soul, sing out my soul, sing out and glo-ri-fy the Lord, who sets us free.



Sing out my soul, sing out my soul, sing out and glo-ri-fy the Lord God.

Song

Lord Jesus Christ



Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with-in us. Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me.



Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with-in us. Let my heart al-ways wel-come your love.

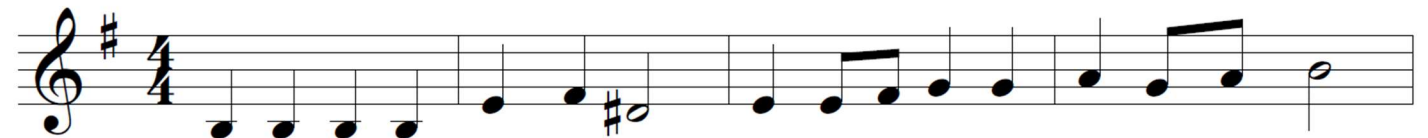
Psalm 27

One: The word of the Lord.

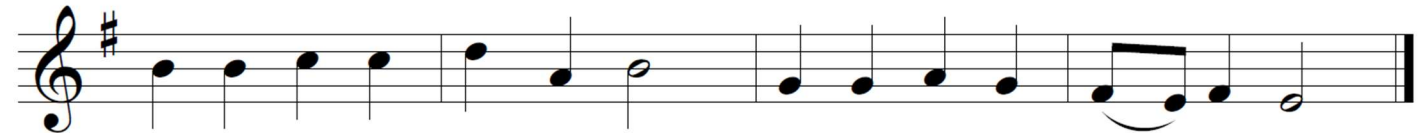
All: Thanks be to God

Song

Holy Spirit, Come to Us



Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.



Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.

Gospel Lesson –Luke 10:38–42

One: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Song

All My Heart Lies Open To You



All my heart lies op-en to you, and you know Lord, that I love you. Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy

Silence

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

In God Alone My Soul

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'In God Alone My Soul'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, with a 2/4 time signature change at the end. The lyrics 'On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace.' are written below the staff.

Closing Song

Our Darkness

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
deep - est night is clear as the day - light.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the closing song 'Our Darkness'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, with a 3/4 time signature change at the end. The lyrics 'deep - est night is clear as the day - light.' are written below the staff.

Come to other Taizé services each Wednesday during Lent:
March 19, 26 & April 2 & 9 at 6:30.
in the sanctuary and via livestreaming on YouTube.
You are invited to come to the simple **Soup Supper**
each Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 in the Assembly Hall prior to the Taizé service.



everything [in] between

Meeting God **in** the midst of extremes

Each Sunday during Lent, we'll explore ways to live
faithfully in the "between." When our world tries to force
binaries on us, we'll break them down
and discover God at work - in the "between!"

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30am
in the sanctuary and via livestreaming on YouTube
All are welcome! More details at www.firstpresalbany.org

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