

# Patient Waiting

## Welcome

The Taizé Community originates out of central France and today has over 100 monks from approximately 30 countries. Tonight's prayer is modeled on that of the Taizé Community. It includes Scripture, song and silence. There will be a few periods of silence, which allows us the opportunity to listen to God as we remain receptive to the Holy Spirit working within us.

The singing has a repetitive quality, using mantra refrains, to help us pray in a contemplative style. The musicians will be leading us in song, but Taizé prayer is meant to be a communal experience, so please sing along as you are comfortable. This worship aid will assist you.

We will take a few minutes to slow down from the hectic pace of December.

## Chime

### Chant 5x: Nothing can trouble

## Short silence

### 1st Reading Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find



## Nothing Can Trouble

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**Ostinato**  
(Letra: Santa Teresa de Jesús)

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1. *mf*

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall  
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

## WAIT FOR THE LORD

Jacques Berthier

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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## O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

### Chant 5x: Wait for the Lord

### 2nd Reading: Meditation on Waiting from Frank Galles

Chime

Silence 5 minutes

Chime

### Prayers of Petition

#### Respond: O Lord hear my prayer

1. For our leaders around the world, that they might find ways to bring an end to war and violence, and promote peace and development for all nations, we pray:

2. For those who are with child, who are struggling with an unexpected pregnancy, or who are suffering from infertility or infant loss, we pray:

3. For the Church, that we may be alert to our need for God's mercy, we pray:

4. For the world, that all peoples may be affirmed in their inherent dignity, we pray:

5. For those who have drifted away from God and struggle to know his love, that they may find their way home, we pray:

6. People are invited to offer their own prayers.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Chant 5x: Prepare the way of the Lord

#### Closing Prayer

Lord of all creation, you fill the universe with signs and wonders of your presence. Throughout this season of Advent, help us to be vigilant in finding our way on your path of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Chant 5x: For you O Lord, my soul in stillness waits

Please join us again on January 4, 2024.



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## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jacques Berthier

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -  
pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will  
see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

## My Soul in Stillness Waits

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness  
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of  
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our  
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -  
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our  
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who  
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the

glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to  
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yeam - ing for your  
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to  
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -  
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the  
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the

you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and  
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our  
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in  
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your  
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his  
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us

shad - ow.  
hearts.  
ris - ing.  
peace.  
hand.  
now.