



# Embraced in Love

**Taizé Service for March 3,  
2022  
Worship Aid**

## Introduction and Welcome

### Chant 5x

O Lord, your cross, we adore and glorify,  
for your holy resurrection, we praise you  
Lord of Life.

We praise you and we glorify you.  
For your holy resurrection, we praise you  
Lord of Life.

*#50 Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

### Reading from The Gospel of Luke 22:39-46

### Chant 5x

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch  
and pray, watch and pray.

*#8 Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

## A Reflection on the Gethsemane Experience

**Silence 5 minutes**

**Chime**

### Petitions

As you offer prayers of petition, I invite you to light a votive candle after each, as we all sing the refrain:

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

*#20 Songs and Prayers of Taizé*

1. Teach us to love you in our neighbor, and in serving them to serve you; we pray:
2. Deepen our love, our perseverance and our trust, strengthen the weak, console the sorrowful, and give hope to the dying; we pray
3. You gave light to the man born blind when he had washed in the pool of

Siloam, enlighten us through the word of life; we pray:

4. Teach us to be true neighbors to all in trouble and distress, and so imitate you, the Good Samaritan; we pray:
5. For RCIA Catechumens, who are using the Season of Lent to prepare for their Initiation at Easter; we pray:

*You are invited to speak other spontaneous prayers, after which all sing the response.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *all pray together*  
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us for all evil.

Amen.

### **Chant 5x**

Blessing and praise be given, blessing and praise be given

to Christ who comes, who comes for us,

comes in the name of the Lord.

*#27 Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

### **Closing Prayer**

#### **Chant 5x**

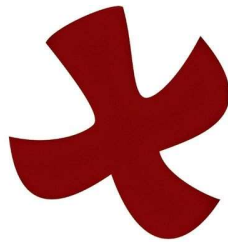
Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall. Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.

*#21 Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

Thank you for coming. Please join us again on April 7.

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## **What is Taizé?**

Taizé prayer is practiced throughout the world. It is a meditative candle-lit form of community prayer that includes simple chants sung repeatedly, silence and prayers of praise and intercession. In prayer, we enter the silence, stilling the mind, opening the heart, surrendering to the action of the Spirit ever molding us into the image of Christ. The candles used in the service symbolize the presence of the risen Christ, who conquered darkness and sin and offers new life to all humankind.

Taizé Prayer comes from an ecumenical, monastic community in France and has spread to numerous spots around the world.

From the depths of the human condition, a secret aspiration rises up. Today many are thirsting for the essential reality: an inner life, signs of the Invisible. Nothing is more conducive to communion with the living God than meditative common prayer. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then a common prayer awakens us to heaven's joy on earth.