

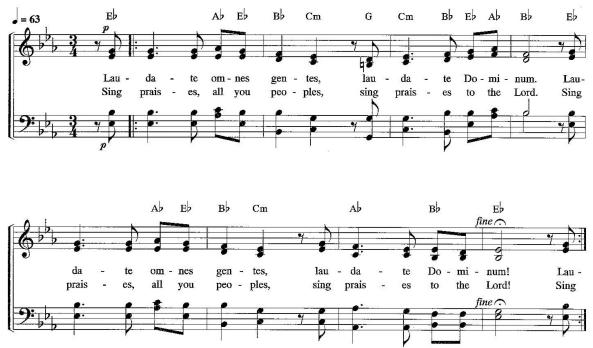


Service of Prayer and Healing July 21, 2024 at Five O'Clock

GATHERING IN HARMONY



Laudate Omnes Gentes



CONTEMPLATION AND MEDITATION

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21 Common English Bible This is why I kneel before the Father. Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

Short Silence

-	ative Reading
Praying	
	a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which
	another voice may speak.
Sung Resp O Word	oonse to Reading of God
	O Word of God, come in - to this space. O Word of
	God, come send us your grace. O - pen our minds;
	show us your truth. Trans-form our lives a - new.

Short Silence

Guided Meditation

Extended Silence

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Our Common 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

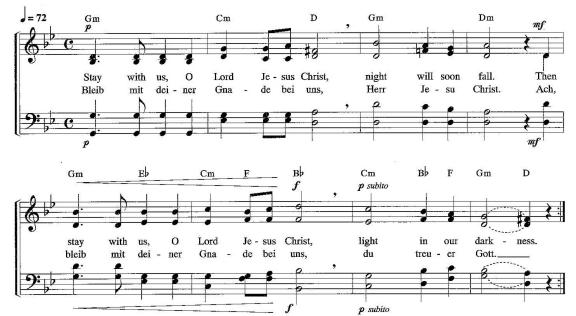
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

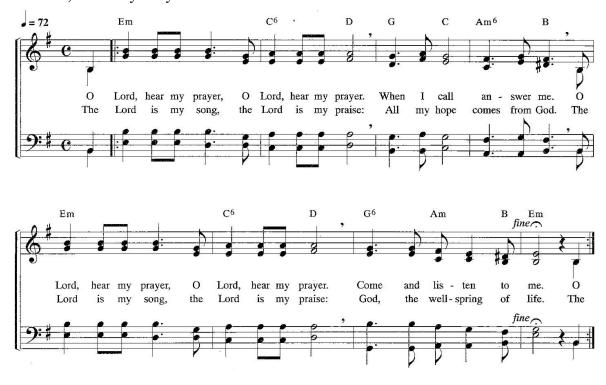
Short Silence

Songs for Healing

Stay with Us



Songs for Healing O Lord, Hear My Prayer



Adoramus te Domine



Holy Spirit, Come to Us



BLESSING GOD'S PRESENCE

Blessing Prayer

Song of Blessing

Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace



Silence

THE TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE COMMUNITY

Taizé [teh-ZAY] is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers and sisters whose prayer, three times daily, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds travel as pilgrims to participate in international meetings of prayer, Bible study, and reflection.

The music of the Taizé community is designed as short responses which are sung over and over again by the congregation. This repetition of a short phrase or two quiets the busy, everyday chatter of the mind so worshipers can access the deeper realms of heart and soul. As the congregation repeats this response (ostinato), the cantor and instrumentalists overlay this melody with their own, either composed or improvised.

Some of the texts are in Latin. The sound of the Latin vowels is especially clear and simple, helping to create the beauty and calm of the music. If you prefer, however, you may sing all the chants in English.

Healing is a journey toward spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental wholeness. Healing happens in relationship with Self, Others, and God. Healing brings peace.

THE ICON

In our service this evening, we are featuring an icon painted by local artist Suzan Sommers, entitled "The Black Madonna." The history of figures of women with dark skin which appeared in Europe during the Middle Ages is not clear. Some feel these figures represented the Earth Mother, as a complement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was the "Queen of Heaven."

Some say these figures are the result of the way the materials used to create them aged. Others say the inspiration for these figures is from the "Song of Songs," chapter 1, verse 5: "I am black but beautiful." Since no one knows for sure, you may select your favorite among these interpretations or come up with your own. Closer inspection of the painting reveals small figures of the infant Jesus and an angel. You are welcome to approach the painting after the service to view it at closer range.

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