

TAIZÉ LENTEN SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

MARCH 24, 2020

Thank you to Jeannie and Clayton Cobb, for leading our music this evening.

The community of Taizé, in France, is the location of a teaching and contemplative retreat center that attracts thousands of believers from all over the world. Time is spent chanting, praying and studying. Our service of Wholeness and Healing emulates the style of the chant services at Taizé, with music from Taizé and other contemplative sources. We sing short phrases repeatedly to quiet our minds and hearts and open our souls to being in the presence of God. We invite you to join in as you need: singing, praying, and listening.

We are glad you are here to sense God's presence with us.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The People read the responses in BOLD.

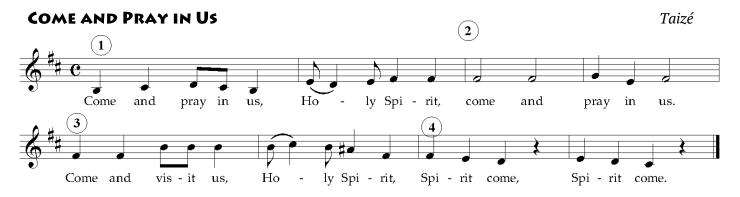
LEADER Let us offer this time of prayer to God as we pray for healing and wholeness.

PEOPLE For God's healing presence is with us always.

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent, remind us that there is a pathway before us that leads into your promises and grace, transformation and renewal. Receive our prayers as we journey into this season of reflection, growth and change. Help us to pray with the grace of faith as we acknowledge our thoughts and feelings, our prayers and concerns for ourselves and others. Let your healing light make us whole and holy as we pray in the name of Jesus the healer. **Amen**.



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A READING FROM LUKE 9:21-25

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'

Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?

SILENCE

LITANY OF HEALING

LEADER God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

PEOPLE We **praise** you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge 1of your will and an awareness of your presence;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER **Bless** physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by unforgiveness and human sin, the failure to love, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER You are the Lord who does wonders:

PEOPLE You have declared your power among the peoples.

LEADER With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

PEOPLE And in your light we see light.

LEADER Hear us, O Lord of life:

PEOPLE Heal us, and make us whole.

LEADER God of our Lenten journey, renew us, transform us and lead us to any who need us. Help us appreciate the sacredness of being human, for the sake of Jesus, who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly. Guide us into your promises and graces through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEADER Please join us in saying the Lord's Prayer.

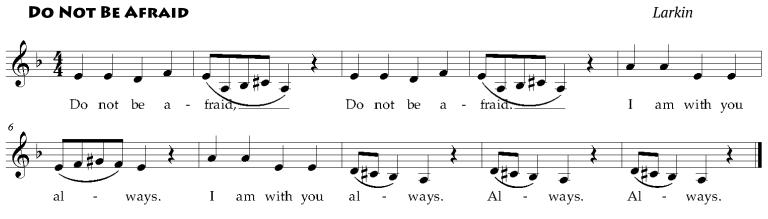
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from s from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

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