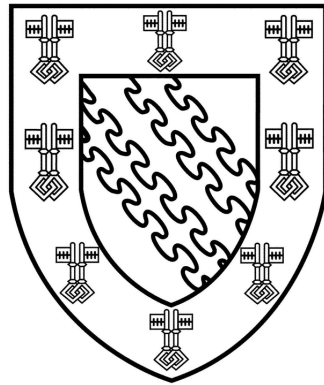


EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL



TAIZE SERVICE

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Taizé Reflection

The Taizé community was founded in France as a response to World War Two. It was created as a space for people of different nations to come, to work, to pray, to live together. This communal way of life was enhanced by music – the singing of simple tunes many times over as a way of stilling the mind and bringing people together. This term we are unable to meet in the Chapel for Taizé services, but instead we offer this online version with the hope it will bring you some stillness, peace, and calm.

This service can be followed in your own time: there are links to the chants on youtube, or, if you have spotify, here is the playlist¹: https://open.spotify.com/playlist/27AaTKa36l2U5nr7XOKvb5?fbclid=IwAR21gI5QbasMPFbJ9DfBN_jHoz6KMpwdp6cOBNRsdCiFUMFVF3teuOBxyP0

and, if you feel you don't want to move on from one song, please do repeat. It's worth finding somewhere with stillness; perhaps lighting a candle or finding something like a plant or stone to centre your vision.

The rubrics below are only suggestions, and are denoted with ¶. The translations of the texts are in italics.

The music is under copyright:

Music: Taizé

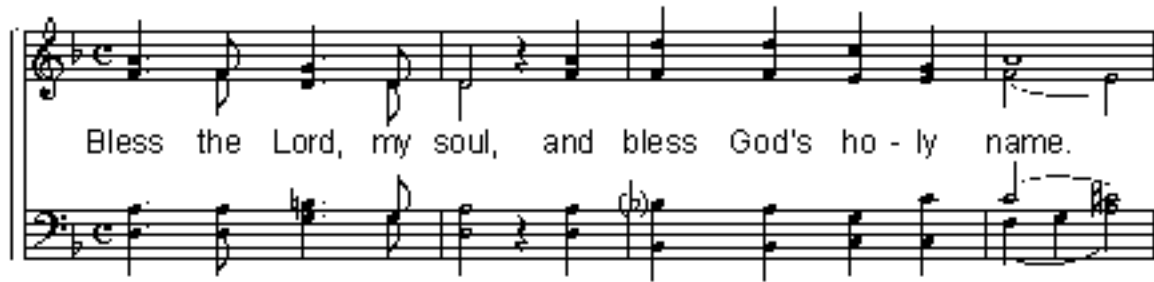
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¹ It's called Taize April 28, because originally it was going to be sent out on that date.

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¶ As you listen to, or sing along with the first chant, take time to be comfortable in your sitting position. Notice your body; listen to your breathing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Svh-9ohg4>



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



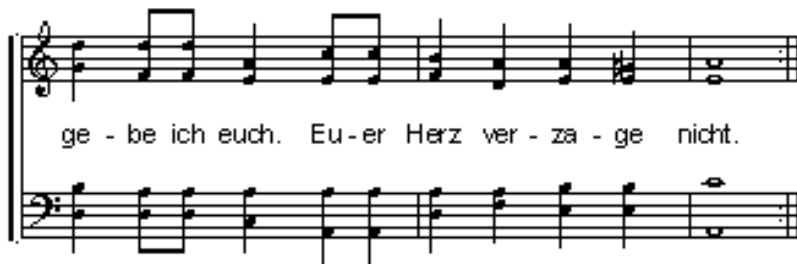
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

¶ Before the next couple of chants, perhaps you want to light a candle, or find an object to help focus on.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgBX4K9MJOU>



Frie - den, Frie - den hin - ter - las - se ich euch. Mei - nen Frie - den



ge - be ich euch. Eu - er Herz ver - za - ge nicht.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: don't let your hearts be troubled.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2DwSllqWZw>

Chri-ste lux mun-di, qui se-quitur te, ha-be-bit lu-men vi-tae, lu-men vi-tae.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

Christ, light of the world; those who follow you will have the light of life.

¶ During the next songs you might want to think about the things, the people, the experiences which make you anxious; think about them, and then let go of them; hand them over to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go1-BoDD7CI>

Na-da te tur-be na-da te_es-pan-te; quien a Dios tie-ne na-da le fal-ta.

Na-da te tur-be, na-da te_es-pan-te: só-lo Dios ba-sta.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in common time. The lyrics are written below the treble staves. The first system has a long melisma over the first two phrases. The second system continues the melody.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten; those who seek God shall never go wanting: God alone supports us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBmgOnQM3Ws&t=59s>

El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el meu...
In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

cant. Ell m'ha es - tat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

fi - o i no tinc por, en ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. El Se -
voi - ces, the Lord is near, lit up your voi - ces, the Lord is near. In the

♪ **Mei-ne Hoff-nung** und mei-ne Freu-de mei-ne Stär-ke, mein Licht, Chri-stus, mei-ne Zu-ver-sicht, auf dich ver-trau' ich und fürcht' mich nicht. / **In the Lord** I'll be ey-er

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIATrQY2rnc&list=RDKIATrQY2rnc&start_radio=1

La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re. La té -

The darkness isn't darkness in your sight: the night is a light as the day.

¶ Perhaps you want to spend some time in silence, sitting still, with your hands at peace in your lap; taking note of your breathing. And letting your mind meander where it will.

¶ At the end of the silence, take a few deep breaths, exhaling from the top of your forehead down to your chin. And the final chant is an upbeat one, as this time of reflection and meditation comes to an end.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7s8lfRdz5U>

O Sur - re - xit Chris - tus, al - le - lu - ia!

O Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!

Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing unto the Lord! Alleluia.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in. Alleluia! Alleluia!
From this time forth, forever more. Alleluia! Alleluia!