

TAIZÉ PRAYER



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O TREE OF JESSE

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Prelude by Charlie Anderson

Welcome and Opening Centering by Kathryn Ophardt

This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. Please feel free, at any time, to come to the front to sit on the rug and be closer to the light, to pray with one of the icons, to light a candle with your prayer, to move with the music, or to sing in whatever language is comfortable to you. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

NB31 With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is

life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

NB32 Your Word, O Lord

Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, en - light - en my
C'est toi ma lam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té -

dark - ness. O Lord, my — God, en - light - en my dark - ness. O
nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon — Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei -

Lord, my — God, en - light - en my dark - ness. Your
gneur, mon — Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

Last time

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Psalm 85 *(from NRSV)*

Sung Response: * Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, — and grant us your sal - va-tion.

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You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people
And covered all their sins.
You set aside all your wrath
And turned from your fierce anger.

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS

Restore us again, God our Savior,
And put away your displeasure toward us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
That your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
And grant us your salvation.

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS

I will listen to what God the Lord says;
He promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
But let them not turn to folly.
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
That his glory may dwell in our land.

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS

Love and faithfulness meet together;
Righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed give what is good,
And our land will yield its harvest.
Righteousness goes before him
And prepares the way for his steps.

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS



The Word/Meditation: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Words from Oscar Romero

Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty.

CLM36 Lord, You Are Living Water

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are in Italian and English. The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Tu sei sor - gen - te vi - va, tu sei fuo - co, sei ca - ri - tà.
Lord, you are liv - ing wa - ter, you are light and fire, you are love.

Vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to, vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to.
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come, O Ho - ly Spir - it.

Prayers of Intercession

In the season of Advent, you may also write your prayers of waiting using the insert in the bulletin, and bringing it forward and placing it in the basket.

Sung Response: NB58 Psalm 62: In You Our Hearts Find Rest (refrain only)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are in English and French. The first system covers the first line of the refrain, and the second system covers the second line. Both systems end with a double bar line and a fermata, with the instruction 'Last time' written above the final note.

In you our hearts find rest and peace - ful glad - ness. In
En tout, la paix du cœur, la joie se - rei - ne. En

you our hearts find rest and peace - ful glad - ness.
tout, la paix du cœur, la joie se - rei - ne.

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We humble ourselves before you, God, knowing that we are both chaff and grain—both sinner and saint. Remind us that it is in you that we have rest, have salvation, and have our very being.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

Humble the authorities of this world and end the violence of word, deed, and inaction. Instead, we pray that your peace reign.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

There is so much loss in the world—loss of loved ones, loss of hope, loss of trust. Wherever there is grief, fill them with your comfort and peace.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

The world can be so chaotic with all of the business, and deadlines, and noise. Wherever there is restlessness, may you be their refuge.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

These days can feel so lonely. Wherever people feel alone, may they feel your care for them.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

Inspire us to share from our abundance with our neighbors. Empower us to share a coat, or food, or time, to live honestly and treat all people with dignity, remembering that we are all your children.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

Silent and Spoken Prayers

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

NB53 The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Prayer over the Anointing Oil (in unison)

We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.

Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Bless us, O Lord, as we come before you and seek to experience through the touch of others, your everlasting love. Amen.



44 Give Peace

Canon
♩ = 72

(A) Cm F Cm F

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

(B) (C)

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord. Give

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CLM18 Put Your Trust In God

Fi - ez - vous en Lui, ne craig - nez pas. La paix de Dieu gar - de -
Put your trust in God, and do not fear. God's peace will dwell deep with -

ra vos cœurs. Fi - ez - vous en Lui. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
in your hearts. Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

The Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

O Wisdom, Lord and Ruler, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Rising Son, King of the Nations, Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

❧ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ❧

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am
Meeting ID #959 8065 3992
Passcode: bestill

Yoga and Centering Prayer Offering in December

The ELPC Spiritual Life Committee is excited to offer Yoga and Centering Prayer throughout December! Sessions will be led by Katrina Woodworth on Zoom. The suggested donation is \$0-\$15. Register online at www.tiny.cc/yoga-and-prayer.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-9 am

Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group

Each month on Zoom we will explore and reflect upon different aspects of the Enneagram, our Enneagram's approach to time, spiritual practices, our bodies etc. These topics are chosen by those within the group from month to month, often through an article or podcast to reflect upon.

3rd Tuesdays of the month, 12:20-1:30 pm
Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127
Passcode: 9types

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Mindfulness Meditation

Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada will guide participants on Zoom in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in every day life.

Thursdays, 8 am to 8:30 am
Meeting ID #959 8065 3992
Passcode: bestill

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions) from

Third Friday of every month (mostly), 6:30-7:45 pm
(Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13)

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer here at ELPC. BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community). He can be reached at 412.441.3800 x141 or at BJW@coh.net.

Christmas Eve Services (in-person and virtual)



5 pm Family Service • 10 pm Candlelight Service (music begins at 9:30 pm)

ELPC EVENTS

The Perspective Christmas Pageant — Dec 12

Through narration, scripture, costumes, song, and art, the children and youth of ELPC will lead us in a hybrid re-telling of the joyful Christmas story at the center of our faith. Some narrators and actors will be leading us “live” in the Sanctuary, while other actors will be joining us virtually. But, it doesn’t matter where we are—ALL will tell this important story.

You can view this production in person at ELPC or watch the pageant via Zoom on Sunday, Dec 12 at 10 am. Contact Megan (MeganL@coh.net) for the Zoom link.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee — Dec 12

Stop by the Narthex on Sunday, Dec 12 after the 11 am worship service to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, please contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com). *Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.*

Sanctuary/Chapel Tours — Dec 12 and 26

Following the 11 am service on Sundays, Dec 12 and 26, join a tour of ELPC highlighting church history and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will be included.

Shop for Gifts with Ten Thousand Villages — Dec 12

Join us for a fundraising sale in partnership with Ten Thousand Villages. Browse this year’s catalog online at Ten-Thousand-Villages-Pittsburgh.Square.Site. There will be an in-person shopping event at ELPC on Sunday, Dec 12.

The Fifth Annual Blue Christmas: A Taizé Service — Dec 18

Setting aside the lights and other holiday trappings, the Deacons of ELPC invite you to join them in a worship service acknowledging the pain and struggle that can come alongside the season’s joy. This year’s *Blue Christmas* service on Saturday, Dec 18 at 7 pm in the Chapel will include candlelight, chants, thoughtful readings and meditative silence; and a time for comfort and hope that has us looking toward the promise of Christmas.

A recording of the service will be available the week of Dec 20 on the ELPC website.

Christmas Joy Offering — Dec 19

On Sunday, Dec 19, ELPC will receive the *Christmas Joy Offering*. The Mission Board invites you to give generously and continue to pray for our church leaders.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering—Dec 19

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Dec 19 at 12:30 pm to share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome! This month we will meet in person and via Zoom. Contact Wil Forrest for more info and/or to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

The “O Antiphons” Taizé Service — Dec 22

Join us at our Taizé prayer service on Wednesday, Dec 22 at 7 pm for a special service that combines scripture readings, singing of the “O Antiphons,” and silence to welcome the Christ Child. An antiphon is a prayer said or sung during worship, especially in connection with the Psalms and Canticles. The “O Antiphons” are so named because each prayer begins with “O.” Please join us in the Chapel for this special service!



Christmas in East Liberty

— c o n c e r t —

Friday, Dec 17 • 7:30 pm

This highly anticipated concert and East Liberty tradition will feature The Brass Roots and conductor Daniel Curtis, the ELPC Chancel Choir and conductor Dr. Edward Alan Moore, and organist Ethan LaPlaca.

Hear holiday favorites and the premiere of two newly commissioned pieces: *Carol Fantasia* by Mary Beth Bennett and *Spiritual Suite* by Marcus Grant.

Join us in the Sanctuary or virtually on YouTube or Facebook. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted. If you’d like to sing in the choir, contact Dr. Ed (EdM@coh.net).

Praying in Color with

MANDALAS

Grab some colored pencils in the back

One of the most ancient forms of prayer is the mandala and it's used across many different religions. The word mandala means "container of sacred essence" in Sanskrit. It originated as a spiritual practice in the 6th century BC out of the Hindu and Buddhist religions, but is now used by many others, including Christians. Mandala coloring can be a calming and focusing prayerful activity – beyond thoughts, feelings and words – amidst our Taizé prayer.

