



TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND
QUIET MEDITATION

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Welcome to Taizé

We hope this time and space of prayerful song and quiet meditation will give you rest in body, mind and spirit. We invite you to pray and meditate in a variety of ways as you are so inclined.

- Hold a prayer stone, palm cross or prayer beads.
- Allow the simple repeated refrains to be sung over you and join in as you are able.
- Come forward to the table to doodle or color a mandala.
- Sit on a prayer cushion or chair at the front to be closer to the icons and artwork.
- Light a candle in prayer for another.

May you awaken to the restful and restorative presence of the Spirit, and may you carry that awareness with you out into the world.

Prelude by the Taizé Musicians

Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

CLM24 Shout To God With Joy

p *f*

O Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra!
Shout to God with joy, all peo - ples of the earth!

This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first measure of each staff is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and features a long, sweeping slur. The second measure is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the notes.

p *f*

O Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This system shows the next two staves of the musical score. It continues with the same key signature and time signature. The first measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and the second with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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NB31 With You, O Lord

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

This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

This system shows the next two staves of the musical score. It continues with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

This system shows the final two staves of the musical score. It concludes with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Psalm 66:8-20 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11

♩ = 104

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

(Al - le - lu - ia)

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Bless the Beloved, Heart of our hearts,
Let the sound of our praises be heard.
You keep us attuned to life
And guide our feet on solid ground.
For you, O Love, have tested us;
You have tried us as silver is tried.

ALLELUIA

You have allowed us to fall into the net;
You have watched us reap
All that we have sown;
We went through fire and through water,
Yet you have brought us through our pain
And into your dwelling place.

ALLELUIA

I enter your Heart surrendered to Love;
I commend my soul into your keeping;
All that my lips uttered,
All that my mouth promised
When I was in trouble and pain,
I offer up to you;
I abandon myself into your hands.

ALLELUIA

Come and hear,
All you who reverence the Most High,
And I shall tell what the Beloved
Has done for me.

ALLELUIA

I cried aloud to the Silent Watcher of my life;
From my tongue came forth words of praise.
Had I cherished greed and power,
I would have separated myself from Love;
The voice of my prayer was heard.

ALLELUIA

Blessed be the holy Name of the Beloved,
Loving Companion Presence,
Who embraced me,
And renewed my life

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: John 14:1, 15-20 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well.

If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always — the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you'll see me; because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

Quiet Meditation and Reflection *(lasting approximately 5-7 minutes)*



Breath Prayer

Inhale — Spirit, you are in me ...


Exhale — and I am in you ...

Breath Prayer is an ancient practice that connects short phrases with our breathing, help ground us in this moment, focuses us and refreshes us body, mind, and soul.

On your inhale say or be mindful of the first phrase.

On your exhale say or be mindful of the second phrase.

You may also carry this with you throughout your week, and let this embodied practice hold you, knowing that many across space and time are breathing and praying with us.



Words from Saints and Ancestors

God, in your goodness, give me yourself. You alone are enough for me. I cannot ask for anything less and still truly honor you. If I ask for anything less, I will always be lacking—because in you, I already have everything.

—Julian of Norwich, on May 8, 1373, (653 years ago this week), at the age of 30, while suffering what was believed to be a terminal illness, experienced sixteen visions or “showings” which revealed deep aspects of the love of God to her. After a miraculous recovery, she set about recording her visions as the “Revelations of Divine Love.”



* All Will Be Well

The Revelations of Divine Love, Chapter 32
Julian of Norwich
Adapt. by S.C.W.

Steven C. Warner

All will be well, and all will be well, all
man - ner of things will be well.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: 42 Come And Pray In Us

Canon
♩ = 89

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and common time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains sections A and B, and the second staff contains sections C and D. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Cm, G, Cm, Fm, G. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,
Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,
come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come,
vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

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Jesus, thank you for your faithfulness in lovingly mothering us, for your life, death and resurrection. Thank you for not leaving us orphaned as you ascended to God, but sending us the Holy Spirit, the advocate to come along side us and dwell within us. Help us to better discern her movement, leading and guidance.

COME AND PRAY IN US

Holy Spirit, come to us and bring order out of the chaos of our lives, breathe life into the lifeless, make strong those who are weak and renew the face of the earth.

COME AND PRAY IN US

Holy Spirit, come to us and awaken in your people the gifts you have given them for service to the world.

COME AND PRAY IN US

Holy Spirit, come to us and guide all those who are seeking to discern how to faithfully follow you; grant them wisdom in their choices and daily decisions and confidence to know and do your will.

COME AND PRAY IN US

Holy Spirit, come to us and fill your church with the fruit of your indwelling presence. May your church grow in the fruits of joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

COME AND PRAY IN US

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 confidentiality.

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

Closing Refrain

In hope for what we do not yet see, we join our spoken and wordless prayers with the groaning of the Spirit in us and all creation... God, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers.**



Jesus' Prayer for the Disciples / Life Giver (Tune: TALLIS CANNON)

1. Life - giv - er, Lov - er of us all, up - on your ho - ly name we call;
2. We pray this day for bread to live, for - give our sins as we for - give,
3. For all the cos - mos is your own, your pow'r of love which we have known,

your new day come, your will be done, on earth as in all realms be - yond.
and give us strength in time of test. Grant us re - lease from e - vil's death.
the splen - dor, ra - diant, with - out end. To God be praise! A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

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 bearing 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. Amen.



41 Veni Sancte Spiritus

$\text{♩} = 56$ *pp* **A** **Bm⁷/A**

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

pp

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 56. The piece begins with a piano (pp) dynamic and an 'A' time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a Bm7/A chord.

* Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

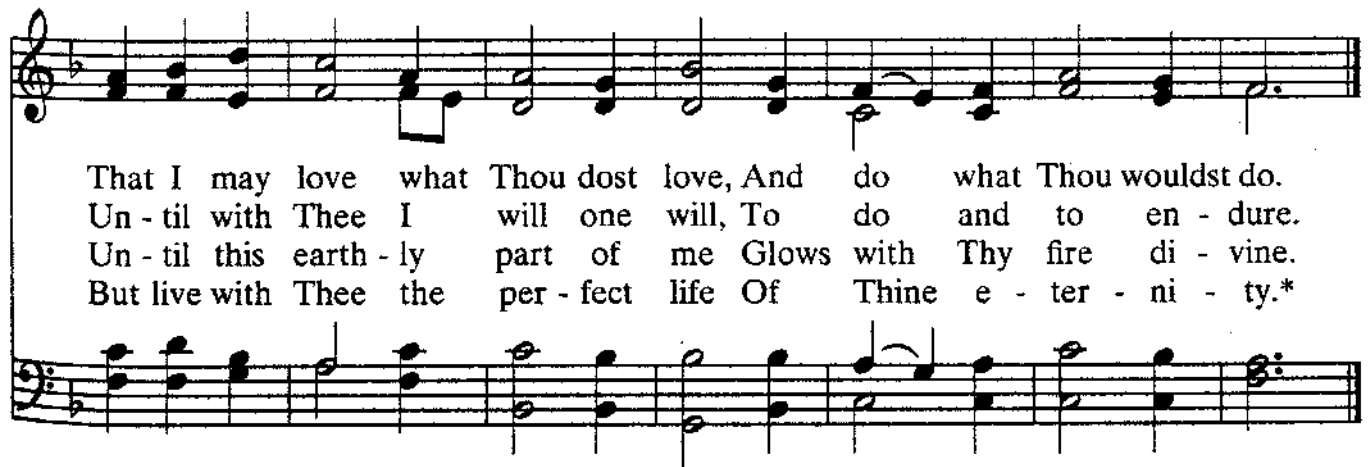
Edwin Hatch, 1886

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Robert Jackson, 1894



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,



That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*

*Repeat stanza 1.



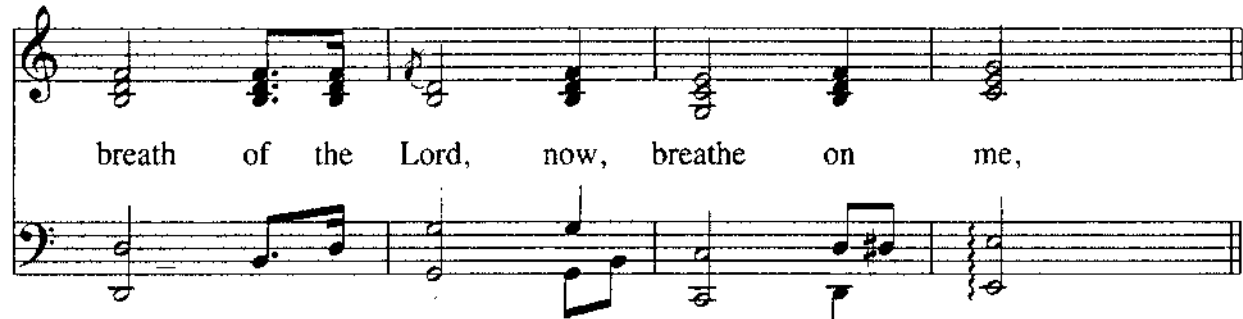
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G114 Let It Breathe On Me

Slow with feeling



Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me, Let the



breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me,




Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me,



Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.

Verses



1. While I'm work - ing Lord in your vine - yard here,
2. When the path - way Lord, I can not see,

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I can do naught if Thou aren't near,
 When the way is dark, Lord, breathe on me,

Oh, come, bless-ed Lord, just so close to me
 Give me grace to know when Thou art near

That I may feel you breathe on me.
 Oh, I pray Thee, Lord, please breathe on me.

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Text: Magnolia Lewis-Butts
 Tune: Magnolia Lewis-Butts; Harm. by W. O. Hoyie
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Closing Unison Prayer

God, in your goodness, give me yourself. You alone are enough for me. I cannot ask for anything less and still truly honor you. If I ask for anything less, I will always be lacking—because in you, I already have everything. *(Julian of Norwich)*

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

Postlude by the Taizé Musicians *(depart as you so desire)*

MONTHLY TAIZÉ SOCIAL GATHERING TONIGHT!

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will create space for people to connect and fellowship after Taizé with some light refreshments and conversation in the Narthex. Taizé is a unique spiritual community within ELPC, and we desire to have time for those who gather to get to know one another. If you would like to bring a cake or some other snacks, please contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net).