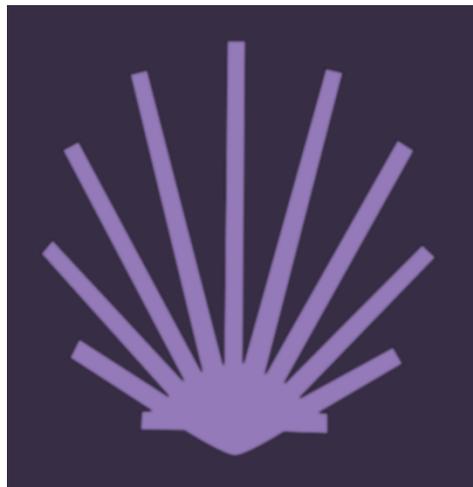


Saint Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**A Service of Taizé
With Glitter & Song**



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019
4:00 pm**

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastery in Taizé, France. The community is made up of brothers from all over the world and from both the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. The monastery has become a pilgrimage site for people of all ages, and especially for youth. The community of Taizé has become a place of unity for people of many different backgrounds through Bible study, song, sharing, and communal work. The community's shared witness is one of simple faith in the Gospel and a commitment to reconciliation.

Tonight you are invited to enter active and experiential worship and to experience the music of Taizé. Please plan to stay for a light Lenten supper after our worship.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

An Invitation to Prayer

Sharon Pearson

Gathering Song

Taizé

“O Lord, hear my prayer”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains a melody with lyrics: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O". The second staff starts with a measure rest marked with a '5' above it, followed by the continuation of the melody with lyrics: "Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r. Come and lis - ten to me. O". The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Bidding Prayer

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Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved our people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fulness of our redemption.

Let us also pray in the words that Jesus himself has taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The People are invited to leave their tissue behind, to let the water wash it away.

Then the People are seated for the first lesson.

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:2

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth had no shape at all. There wasn't any light. The water was in total darkness and God's breath moved back and forth over the sea. God said out loud, "Let

there be light.” And there was! God separated the light and the darkness and called the light “daytime” and called the dark “nighttime.” That was the very first day. “This is good,” God said.

Then God worked on separating the water from the sky. That was the second day. God said, “Let’s put all the water on the earth together in one place and call it ‘sea’ and the places of dry land we’ll call ‘earth.’” God called them “seas” and earth.” God was very pleased with how things were coming together. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth plants and trees. Let’s have plants that grow food! Great!” God said, “This third day was very good.” God said, “Now let’s put some order to the light in the skies. We need something to separate day from night, and days from sun, which we see in the day, and the smaller light is in the moon. Then God made all the stars in the sky. That was the fourth day.

God said, “I’d like to see some living creatures – like fish in the sea and whales and all kinds of birds in the sky. Let’s make some huge sea monsters that live way down deep, and then some little fish who like to flip out of the water. Oh, I’ve got so many great ideas about animals. Let’s make them all.” Every kind of animal that crawls or runs or flies was made by God. And God was delighted. God blessed them so that they could multiply, and said, “Please, fill up the oceans with things that swim and fill the skies with birds.” That was the fifth day.

God said, “Now, let’s see. What kind of animals should live on the dry parts? How about cows, and bugs, and cats? And all kinds of wild animals.” And the earth was filled with every kind of animal God could imagine. And God saw that it was really, really good.

Then God said, “Let us make people in our image, who are more like us; and they can take care of the earth and the seas and the animals and the birds of the air and the fish in the sea.” So God created people. God blessed them and told them to be productive and to have children so that there would always be someone to take care of God’s creation. God explained that they could use the plants to feed themselves.

Then God stepped back and looked at everything. Such excellent work! That was the end of the sixth day.

On the seventh day, God took a break, blessed and declared that day a day of rest. That rest felt very, very good.

Song: "Bless the Lord, my soul"

Taizé

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

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

The Second Lesson

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

The people of Israel had been slaves in Egypt for 400 years. God asked Moses to lead them back to the place where their ancestors had lived. Pharaoh and the Egyptians didn't want them to go and followed them. The people of Israel turned around and saw that the Egyptians were catching up. They yelled at Moses, "Why did you bring us out here, because there weren't enough graves in Egypt? It would have been better to stay in Egypt as slaves than to die out here in the middle of nowhere!"

But Moses said to the people, "Get a grip! Don't be afraid. Today God will fight for us, you'll see. And those Egyptians you see chasing us? That's the last we'll ever see of them. Let God do the work."

When Moses told God that the people were complaining, God said, "Why? Tell them to put one foot in front of the other. When you reach the sea, lift up your walking stick, stretch your hand out over the water, it will divide in two, and they will walk on dry ground. The Egyptians will follow you, but they won't come to the other side. They'll know that I am God."

The angel of God had been leading the people of Israel, but moved to the back. A pillar of cloud that had been leading them moved behind them too, between the people of Israel and the Egyptians to keep them apart during the night.

When they got to the sea, Moses did what God told him; he lifted his walking stick in his hand over the water. And God used the wind to divide the sea

and make a dry path right through the water. The people of Israel walked through the sea, with walls of water on either side of them. The Egyptians came in after them. They started to panic and they got stuck in the mud. They tried to turn back, but they couldn't. They said to themselves, "It looks like God is on the side of Israel. Let's get out of here." God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the water again. Not a single Egyptian or his chariot got out before the sea walls fell. That's how God saved Israel. They were amazed at what God had done. They believed that God was on their side and believed in God's servant Moses.

Moses's sister Miriam and the women danced and sang with tambourines, "Sing to the Lord, for God has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider God has thrown into the sea."

Song: "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful" Taizé

Ostinato F E/A B^b C F

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, In the Lord. I will re -

5 joice. Look to God, do not be a - fraid, lift up your voi - ces the Lord is

9 near, lift up your voi - ces the Lord is near. In the

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-11

If you're thirsty, I've got water for you. Even if you don't have any money, come and eat. You don't need to be thirsty and hungry. You can have free wine and milk.

Why spend your money on food that doesn't fill you up? Why spend your time doing things that don't matter? Listen carefully to me. Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. As much as you want. Lean close to me and listen. I will make you a promise, just as I made a promise with my steadfast, sure love for King David.

I made him someone people could look up to, a leader and commander of the people.

You can be people that everyone looks up to because I, the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, have glorified you. Look for God while God can be found. Talk to God while God comes near.

Give up going the wrong way, where people get hurt, and return to God. Come back to God who is ready to forgive you. God's mercy has no limits. God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. "Just as high as the skies are above the earth, that's how much higher my thoughts are than yours. The rain and snow come down from heaven, and they don't return until they have watered the earth. They make it ready for things to sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater. That's how my word is – once I have spoken it, it won't return to me without results. It will do what I sent it to do.

Song: "Lord God, you love us" Taizé



The Fourth Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

God lifted me up. God set me down in the middle of a valley full of all kinds of bones, which were very dry. God said to me, “Do you think these bones can come back to life?”

I said, “I don’t know, God. You tell me.”

“Tell these bones to listen. Tell them that I will cause breath to enter them so that they might live again. I will put cartilage on them and muscles and skin. And they will live and they will know that I am God.”

So I told them that. And suddenly, I heard rattling as the bones came together into skeletons. And then cartilage formed and muscles and skin covered them. But there was still no breath.

God said to me, “Say this to the breath, ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these bones that they might come alive.’”

And they lived and stood up on their feet. There were a lot of people all of a sudden standing before me.

God said, “These bones belong to the whole house of Israel. They think they’re all dried up, and they have no hope of living again. But say this to them for me, ‘I will open your graves, and bring your people back to life and to the land of Israel. I will breathe my Spirit into you and you will live again as my people in Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord and that I have acted’.”

Song: “Our eyes are turned”

Taizé

Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ,

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Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

The Fifth Lesson

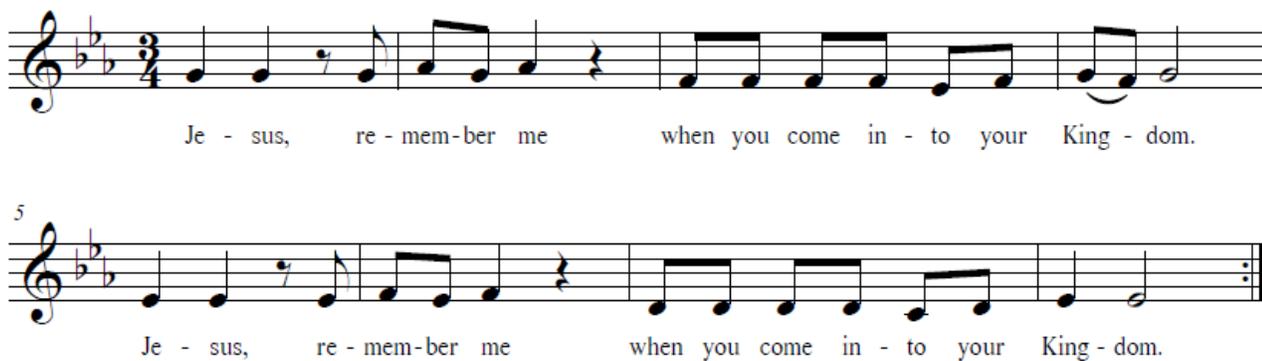
Luke 23:32-46

When they came to the place they call The Skull, they nailed Jesus to a wooden cross and left him there. There were criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, “God, forgive them because they don’t know what they’re doing.” The soldiers drew straws to see who got to keep his clothes. Some people stood there to watch him die, but the leaders who put him there said, “If he’s the Savior, why can’t he save himself? Some Messiah he is!” The soldiers mocked him and gave him sour wine to drink, saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a sign over his head that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals hanging there with him made fun of him. But the other defended Jesus, saying, “If I were you I’d shut up. You and I are getting what we deserve, but this man Jesus has done nothing wrong. Leave him alone.” Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And Jesus said to him, “Be sure: Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

“Jesus, remember me”

Taizé



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Along with the addition to the bottle, the People are invited to light a candle and offer a prayer for themselves or for someone else.

The Sixth Lesson

Romans 6:3-11

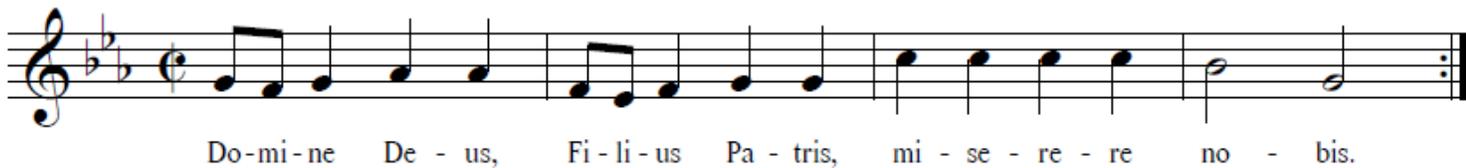
You know, don't you, that all of us who have been baptized, have been baptized into Jesus' death? Our old selves have been buried with him, so that just as Jesus was brought back to life by the glory of the Father, we too might have a brand new life. Our old self died with him, so that sin isn't in charge of us anymore. We know that Christ will never die again. Death has absolutely no power over him. When he died, sin died with him. The life he lives now, he lives for God. You too are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Remember that.

Song:

“Domine Deus”

Taizé

Translation: Lord God, Son of the Father, have mercy on us.



Psalm 71:1-6

I always run to you, God, when I'm in trouble. You won't disappoint me. In your goodness, rescue me.

Listen to me and make me whole.

Be my rock. Be a castle I can hide in. Be strong for me.

Listen to me and make me whole.

Rescue me from people who want to hurt me. You are my hope, O God. I have always believed in you, ever since I was little.

Even before I was born, you've been strong for me.

I will always, always praise you.

Listen to me and make me whole.

Closing Song:

Song:

“Ubi caritas”

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Translation: Where charity love are found, God himself is there.

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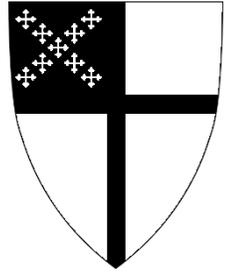
Be careful with the bottles. We'll secure the tops during dinner.

This liturgy and intergenerational gathering was planned by the Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach, Fiona Smith Sutherland, Becky Hudspeth, and Sharon Ely Pearson. Readings come from *God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children* by Lyn Zill Briggs ©2015 Church Publishing Incorporated.

Regular Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 8am and 10am

Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 9:15am



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