



**PLUM Worship**  
**Taizé**  
**March 3, 2023**  
**Lent**

**Welcome**

Veni Sancte Spiritus  
 Holy Spirit, Come to Us

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*

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

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**Prayer**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Jesus, Remember Me

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

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**Psalm 141**

**Let My Prayer Arise**

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Refrain

*All:*  
 Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,  
 the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Oh God, I call to you, come to me now;  
 O hear my voice when I cry to you *Refrain*

Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart  
 May the light of your love be burning bright *Refrain*

All praise to the God of all, Creator of life;  
 All praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love *Refrain*

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
 Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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[Wait for the Lord \(Taizé\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fv6vBUMHCZA)



**Gospel Reading: Luke 7:36-50**

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited

him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup> "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



### Silent Meditation

#### Stay with Me

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
 pray. Watch and pray.

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### O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

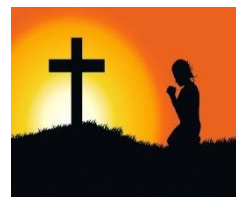
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
 or *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

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### Prayer of Intercessions

O Christ, reveal the presence of your Kingdom in our midst. Teach us and help us on our Lenten journey to:

- Feast on faith. Fast from judging others.
- Feast on Christ dwelling in each of us, even the other. Fast from fear of our differences.
- Feast on the healing power of God. Fast from discontent.
- Feast on speech that purifies. Fast from words that pollute.
- Feast on gratitude. Fast from bitterness.
- Feast on patience. Fast from pessimism.
- Feast on hope. Fast from despair.
- Feast on encouragement. Fast from anger.
- Feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern.
- Feast on compassion. Fast from suspicion.
- Feast on truth. Fast from gossip.
- Feast on purposeful silence. Fast from outside noise that distract us from you.
- Feast on prayer to draw us closer to your steadfast love. Fast from anxiety.

Our eyes are turned to you, O Lord; our soul finds rest in you.

At this point in the service, we pause for individual prayers. You are invited to pray and place your petitions before God.



Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Ubi caritas et amor  
 Where True Charity and Love Abide

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
 Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,  
 u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
 God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

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Nothing Can Trouble  
 Nada te turbe

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.  
 Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.  
 Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,  
 Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,  
 na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
 noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community  
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**Benediction & Dismissal**

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Sending Song....Surely the Presence**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD9-1ZOctV4>

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace  
 I can hear the brush of angel wings  
 I see glory on each face  
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place



This Lent we invite you to participate in the following on Zoom:

“**Walking With Jesus,**” a journey with Jesus through daily fasting and prayer for the 40 days of Lent. There are several options for participating in this time of fasting with Pastor Alex. Each Wednesday in March there will be a **mid-week Prayer Service** at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Look for details on our website, [www.plumofpa.com](http://www.plumofpa.com).

“**Bible People: Monologues for Lent by Steve Dornsbusch**” is a series of six monologues based on Biblical characters. Join Pastor Sue for a discussion of these monologues and the scriptural texts that they are based on. These will be held at two times on Thursdays: 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm., beginning February 23.

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