

**Prayer in the Style of Taizé**  
**The Season of Advent, December 6, 2023**  
***In the Stillness we wait.***

*The Season of Advent invites us to leave the rush of our world and enter stillness before God as we wait with expectancy for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this time bless you with the hope and peace of Christ and fill you with Holy Spirit refreshment in this time of spiritual preparation.*

**Sing Praises All You Peoples**

Sing praises, all you peoples,

Sing praises to the Lord. (repeat)

*Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.*

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**Wait for the Lord**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is come.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

**Alleluia with Selections from Psalm 130**

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5**

**Within our Darkest Night (De Noche Iremos)**

Within our darkest night,

You kindle a fire that never dies away, never dies away.

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You kindle a fire that never dies away, never dies away.

**Gospel Reading – Luke:1:46-55**

**Sing Out My Soul**

Sing out my soul, Sing out my soul.

Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.

Sing out my soul. Sing out my soul.

Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

*Magnificat, Magnificat,*

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum.*

*Magnificat, Magnificat,*

*Magnificat anima mea!*

**No. 36 – The Lord is My Light**

*[During the singing, you are invited to come forward to light a candle, place it in a bowl, and pray for peace in our world as we seek to bring forth the Light of Christ in our world.]*

**The Lord Is My Light (No. 36)**

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust, in God I trust.

## **Silent Meditation**

### **Kyrie Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy)

### **Holy Communion**

#### **No. 27 – Blessing and Praise**

Blessing and praise be given,

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To Christ who comes, who comes for us,

comes in the Name of the Lord.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **No. 18 – Raise a Song of Gladness (Jubilate, servite)**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

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### **Benediction**

## **Advent**

By preparing us for Christmas, Advent prepares us to welcome Christ. In the life of the people of Israel, God prepared for the coming of Christ. The prophets announced the Messiah's coming, John the Baptist opened the way. Advent is a time of longing for Christ's presence in us and, through us, in the world. This longing is made up of simplicity found in the spirit of childhood and joy. (From Prayer for Each Day: Taizé, page 13, GIA Publications, 1998)

## **Our next Service of Taizé will be Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., January , 2023**

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Donna Strieb, Carr Hornbuckle, Rev. Linda Baumheckel, Carol Jeffries-Horner (Clarinet), Bette Richards (Flute), Dan St. Romain (Piano), and Rick Alvarez (Technician)

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