

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
April 18, 2025 – 10:30 am

**Good Friday Taizé Service**

**About the community of Taizé**

Taizé is a monastic community in southeastern France. It was founded in 1940 with the mission of healing the divisions between Christians and within the human family. This community seeks to create an environment where reconciliation could become a concrete reality every day. It is an ecumenical community which includes 100 brothers from over twenty (20) different countries.

Thousands of Christian people from all over the world, young and old, gather at Taizé every week to pray, to search, to sing, and to find refreshment and renewal.

The worship of Taizé is marked by depth and simplicity, consisting of much singing along with significant periods of silent meditation.

**“Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, or wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw energy to wage other struggles – to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform the human condition, to make the earth a place fit to live in.”**

**- Brother Roger of Taizé**

**Prayer Around the Cross**

**Welcome**

**Songs**

Bless the Lord  
Come and Fill

**Prayer of Confession** Responsive Prayer by David Adam, Christian poet from Lindisfarne, Ireland

Jesus, Savior,  
Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,  
**We come to you for you alone can make us whole.**

Jesus, Savior,  
Wounded for our transgressions,  
Bruised for our iniquities,  
**We come to you for you alone can make us whole.**

Jesus, Savior,  
We come as believers broken by factions,  
Weak in our mission,  
Wavering in our faith.  
**We come to you for you alone can make us whole.**

Jesus, Savior,  
We come as people of a world  
Torn by war,  
Ruined by greed,  
Spoiled by selfishness and pride.  
**We come to you for you alone can make us whole.**

Jesus, Savior,  
We come as members of a family, Insensitive to each other,  
Blind to tears and deaf to cries.  
**We come to you for you alone can make us whole.**

Jesus, Savior,  
We come sick at heart,  
We come ill in mind,  
We come diseased in body.  
**We come to you for you alone can make us whole.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Absolution**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 *The Suffering Servant*

*Silence*

**Meditation**

*Silence*

**Song** Stay With Me

**Scripture Reading** John 18:1-40 *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

*Silence*

**Reflection**

*Silence*

**Scripture Reading** John 19:1-42

*Silence*

**Songs** Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)  
O Lord, Hear My Prayer

**Prayers of the People**

....Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer  
**And in your love, answer.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Song** Wait for the Lord

**Prayers Around the Cross**

**Songs** Jesus, Remember Me  
Within Our Darkest Night  
My Soul is at Rest

**Closing Prayer**

**Song** In God Alone

**Benediction** *The Cross Speaks*

The Cross judges us—can we allow evil to triumph?  
**No, we stand for the good.**

The Cross calls us to compassion—can we stand by while others suffer?

**No, we must love and act.**

The Cross questions our loyalty—where are we when love demands all?

**We are here, even in the cost.**

The Cross signs God's lasting love—we remain forever in its shadow.

**Forever held, forever loved. Amen.**

*The Christ Candle is Extinguished*

**Song** Don't Be Afraid MV #90

