Lenten Prayer Taizé Service Trinity United Methodist Church March 23, 2023

This is meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, We sing uncomplicated and repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.

SILENCE

Silence is observed by all prior to the service for prayer and personal reflection.

OPENING SONGS In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful



PSALM

It is through the psalms, prayed by Jesus himself, that we place ourselves in the great communion of all believers, and find in them a wellspring of life.

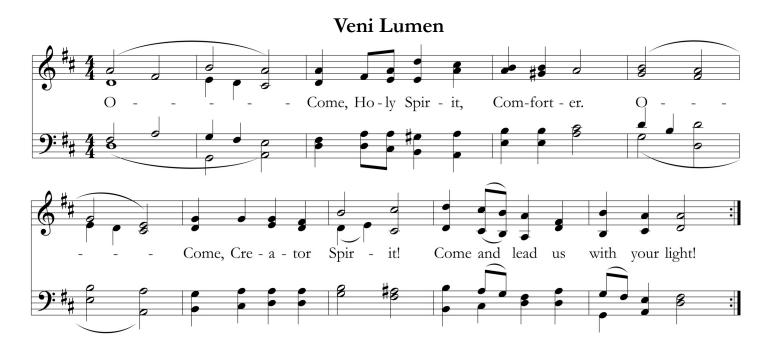


READING OF THE WORD

Reading Scripture is a way of going to the "inexhaustible wellspring by which God gives himself to the thirsting human beings" (Origen, third century). The Bible is a "letter from God to creatures" that enables them "to discover God's heart in God's words" (Gregory the Great, sixth century).

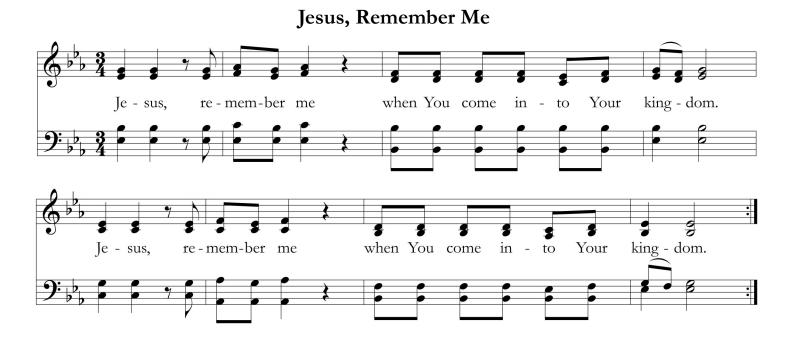
CANDLELIGHTING

Following the Scripture there is a song, somewhat prolonged, during which the light is passed. Keep your candle lit until bringing it forward during the Procession of Light.



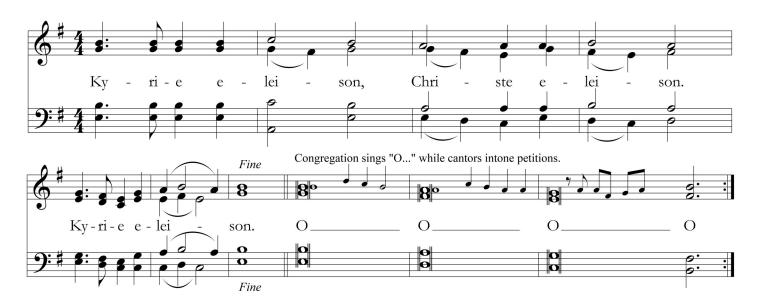
SILENCE

When we try to express communion with God in words, our minds quickly come short. But, in the depths of our being, through the Holy Spirit, Christ is praying far more than we imagine. A fairly long period of silence is provided for us to listen to the voice of God deep within which is often heard only in a whisper.



INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who are near and for those who are far away. The Greek words, "Kyrie eleison" mean, "Lord, have mercy."

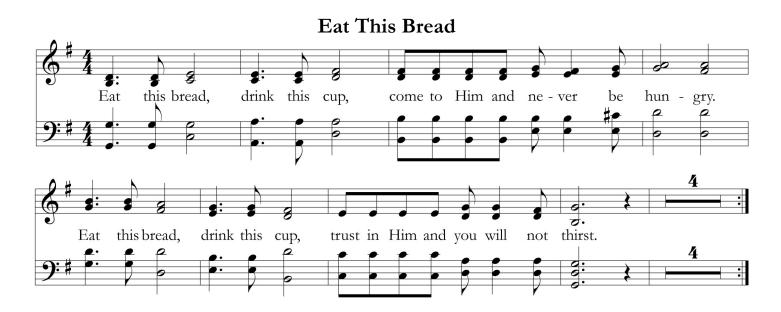


THE LORD'S PRAYER



PROCESSION OF LIGHT & COMMUNION

During this song, please come forward and place your lit candles in the brass pot. *PLEASE REMOVE THE PAPER DISC BEFORE PUTTING THE CANDLE IN THE BRASS POT.* Then proceed to pick up a Communion kit, and return to your seat to partake of the Lord's Supper.



CLOSING PRAYER



Each worshipper is invited to remain for quiet meditation and prayer. Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.