

# Taizé Service | Sept. 5, 2024



The new beginning is not simply a repetition of what happened a year ago. We may engage in some similar activities, but we do so as new people, with new awarenesses.

Let's pray for God's blessings and guidance on those new beginnings.

## Chimes

**Chant 5x: Come and pray in us, Holy Spirit**

**Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18**

Until the spirit from on high is poured out on us.

And the wilderness becomes a garden land and the garden land seems as common as forest.

Then judgment will dwell in the wilderness and justice abide in the garden land.

## Introduction

Welcome! As we gather for prayer today, the celebration of Labor Day just happened. There is dignity to our work, not just physical work, but also our work for peace and justice in order to further God's Kingdom on earth.

Unofficially, Labor Day marks the end of summer and the beginning of Fall. The new school year has begun for some; or will begin shortly for others.

The work of justice will be peace; the effect of justice, calm and security forever. My people will live in peaceful country, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.

**Sing: Peace on Earth; refrain by all; verses by cantors**

**Reading: The Church's Teaching on Human Work**

The Church is concerned with the work of men and women because, simply stated, work is an essential component of human dignity. It is through work that humans develop an understanding of their purpose in life and of where they stand in relation to other people and to God. Good work helps to make us fully human and fully alive.

Moreover, we work not for ourselves alone but to contribute to the greater social economy.

We are to see ourselves as "co-workers" with God.

It is important to consider that the Judeo-Christian tradition has elevated the value of human labor. This stands in stark contrast to the ancient Greeks, for example, for whom manual labor was considered degrading for a free man and was relegated to slaves. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, human beings act as co-workers with God.

Peter Maurin wrote: *"God is our creator. God makes us in his image and likeness. Therefore, we are creators, he gave us a garden to till and cultivate. We become co-creators by our responsible acts, whether in bringing forth children, or producing food, furniture or clothing. The joy of creativeness should be ours."*

In summary, work is necessary for human beings for both objective

## Come and Pray in Us / Vieni, Spirito Creatore

Canon—4 voices

(A) Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,  
 Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,  
 (B)  
 (C) come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it come, Spir - it come.  
 vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!  
 (D)

## PEACE ON EARTH

Antonin Dvořák, 1841–1941  
Adapted by Bob Hurd

Refrain

Peace on earth, peace on earth, shan - ti, sa - laam, sha - lom.

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Verses

to Refrain

1. In the place of fear and hate, let us build com - mun - ion.
2. From the scourge of rac - ist ways, let us purge our na - tion.
3. For those crushed by end - less need, may we lift the bur - den.
4. May we tend the earth with care, with res - pect and wis - dom.
5. If we want a last - ing peace, we must work for jus - tice.
6. God of prom - ise, God of hope, in your mer - cy lead us.

and subjective reasons. Objectively work supplies the means for the survival of the human race, allowing people to support themselves with the basic necessities and to contribute to the greater community. Subjectively, work empowers human beings to recognize their role as co-workers with almighty God in the ongoing creation of the world and to realize their full humanity, which is reflected in the image and likeness of God.

**Now we sit in silence for a few minutes**

**Chimes**

**Petitions**

**Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer**

1. May the leaders of the Church and all who guide us in the way of faith seek to promote the basic rights of dignity and respect as the foundation for a sure and lasting peace in our world, we pray:

2. May all elected officials and those entrusted with the duty to watch over people exercise their role with humility as they seek to unite together in friendship the hands of those who have lived as enemies, we pray:

3. May the poor and the oppressed, and all those who feel as if their voice is not heard, be recognized as valuable members of society with the right to participate fully in our common life, we pray:

4. May the Lord continue to call holy men and women to exercise prophetic roles of calling our local, national, and global communities to more fully embody the peace of God's kingdom, we pray:

5. Please add other prayers as you light a votive candle on the altar.

**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon: where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

## Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill

Ostinato Refrain

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts  
with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

**Chant 5x: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**Closing Prayer**

O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation, listen to the supplications of your people and grant that all men and women may find work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. We pray through Christ our Lord.

**Closing Song: Spirit Blowing through Creation by Marty Haugen (Music and Lyrics on Next page)**

Thank you for coming. Please join us again on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. central time.



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# Spirit Blowing through Creation

Verses



1. Spir - it blow - ing through cre - a - tion,  
2. As you moved up - on the wa - ters,  
3. Love that sends the riv - ers danc - ing,  
4. All the crea - tures you have fash - ioned,



Spir - it bum - ing in the skies,  
As you ride up - on the wind,  
Love that wa - ters all that lives,  
All that live and breathe in you,



Let the hope of your sal - va - tion fill our eyes;  
Move us all, your sons and daugh - ters deep with - in;  
Love that heals and holds and rous - es and for - gives;  
Find their hope in your com - pas - sion, strong and true;



God of splen - dor, God of glo - ry,  
As you shaped the hills and moun - tains,  
You are food for all your crea - tures,  
You, O Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



You who light the stars a - bove,  
Formed the land and filled the deep,  
You are hun - ger in the soul,  
You a - lone, be - neath, a - bove,



All the heav - ens tell the sto - ry of your love. *(To verse 2)*  
Let your hand re - new and wak - en all who sleep. *(To refrain)*  
In your hands the bro - ken - heart - ed are made whole. *(To verse 4)*  
Come, re - new your whole cre - a - tion in your love. *(To refrain)*



Spir - it re - new - ing the earth, re - new - ing the hearts of all



peo - ple; Burn in the wea - ry souls,



blow through the si - lent lips, come now a - wake us,



Spir - it of God.

# Upcoming Events

## Ongoing Events:

**First Thursday, every month. — One-Day or Half-Day, Individual Retreats.** Take a few hours away from the hurly-burly of everyday life with a one-day or half-day quiet retreat. Spiritual directors are available or direct yourself.



**First Thursday, every month — 7-8 p.m. — Taizé Prayer.** The prayer service uses chant and simple accompaniment along with moments of silence to create a meditative atmosphere. **In-person and live streamed.**

To see full details and more, visit [pbrenewalcenter.org/events](http://pbrenewalcenter.org/events)



**Sept. 8, Sunday — 1-4 p.m. — Breadmaking Retreat** — A hands-on, heart-in community retreat for bakers of all ages, with or without breadmaking experience. A great activity for parents or grandparents and children, teens or couples. Inspired by Acts 2:42.

**Sept. 9-Oct. 28, Mondays — 6:30-8 p.m. — Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton** — On Monday evenings we'll be studying "Discovering the Hidden Ground of Love" Book Four in this series with Fr. Garry Richmeier as our guide on this journey toward spiritual transformation.

**Sept. 12-15 — Thurs. evening to Sunday afternoon — Three-day directed retreats** — We know we should cultivate silence in our lives. Why do we resist it? If you want "to learn to better wait in silence," a silent, directed retreat might be what you're looking for.



**Sept. 14, Saturday — 4-6 p.m. — The Stories of Black and Biracial**

**Women** — At this Story Table, sponsored by the Clay Countians for Inclusion, Black and biracial women will be bearing witness through personal testimony of the barriers they have broken through and how they conquered hidden agendas that were designed to keep them from thriving.

**Oct. 1-Dec. 3, Tuesdays — 6:30-8 p.m. — Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life** — This unique bible study course looks at all four Gospels at once. From this, a composite sketch of Jesus emerges that provides us with fresh new insight, greater depth perception of who Jesus is, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.



**Oct. 5, Saturday — 9-11 a.m. — Faithful Citizenship: A Discussion of Election Issues** — Fr. Mark Miller will lead a discussion applying Catholic Social Teaching to the issues voters will face at the polls this election season.

**Nov. 2, Saturday — 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. — RCIA Retreat for Candidates and Sponsors** — An annual event for people exploring the Catholic faith and the people who walk with them on this journey.



**Dec. 7, Saturday — 10-11:30 a.m. — A Morning of Advent Reflection** — We will use scripture and guided meditations to explore the themes of Advent, Christmas and the Incarnation.

**Dec. 10, Tuesday — 7-8:30 p.m. — An Evening of Advent Reflection** — We will



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