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CANDLELIT PRAYER

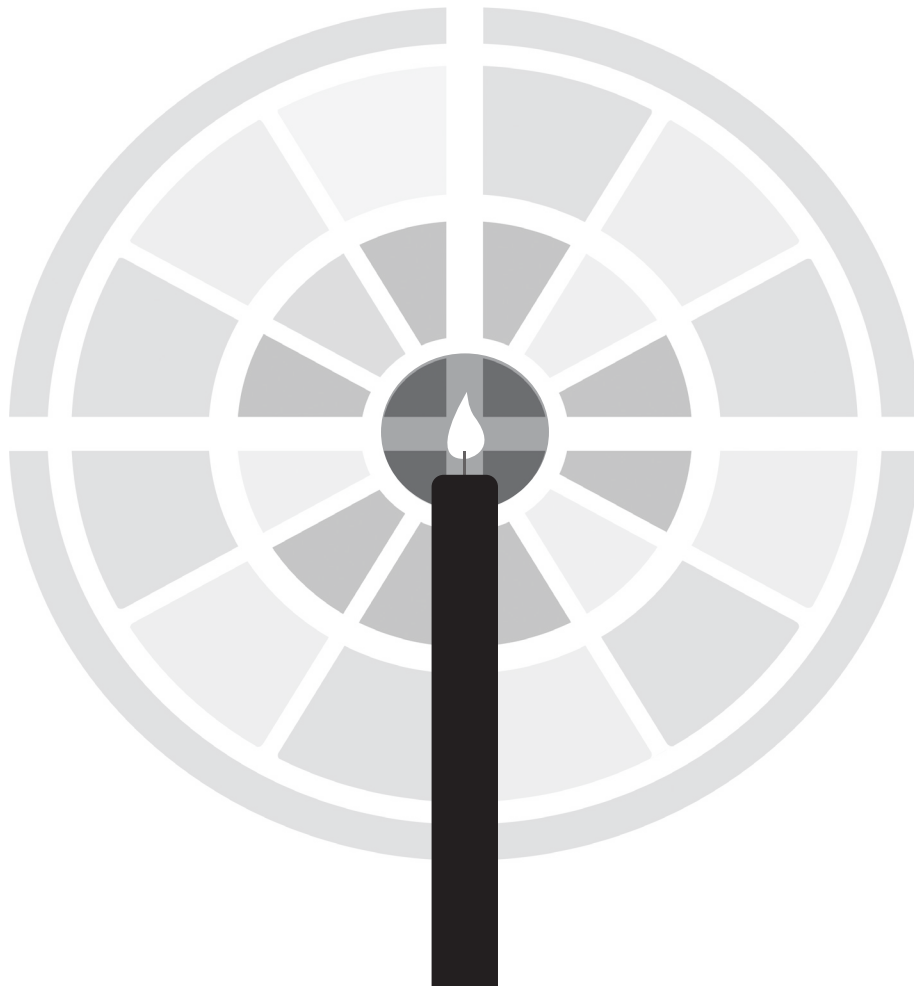
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TAIZÉ

celebrating the Feast of Dame Julian of Norwich, Mystic and Theologian, c. 1417

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

7:00 PM



Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral and this service of Taizé Prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

To learn more about Taizé Prayer at Saint Mark's, visit saintmarks.org/taize.

If you are new to Saint Mark's and would like to learn more, please consider completing a newcomer form found in the pew rack, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

Mark your calendars for a special Interfaith Prayer service in the style of Taizé, offered in partnership with Clear Mountain Buddhist Monastery, on June 10, 2025. Visit saintmarks.org/taize for more information.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

GATHERING SONG *Benedictus*

WORDS: Mark 11:9
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, in
Bless-ing and praise be giv - en, bless-ing and praise be giv - en to

no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
Christ who comes, who comes for us, comes in the name of the Lord.

FOR IN the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, LORD, will I seek. ♦

SONG

Nada te turbe (Nothing can trouble)

WORDS: St. Teresa of Ávila

MUSIC: Berthier

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te; quien a Dios tie - ne na - de le fal - ta.
No - thing can trou - ble, no - thing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te; só - lo Dios bas - ta
No - thing can trou - ble, no - thing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

TELL THE heavens and the earth
to celebrate and sing;
command every mountain
to join in the song.
The Lord's people have suffered,
but he has shown mercy
and given them comfort.

The people of Zion said,
"The Lord has turned away
and forgotten us."

The Lord answered,
"Could a mother forget a child
who nurses at her breast?
Could she fail to love an infant
who came from her own body?
Even if a mother could forget,
I will never forget you.
A picture of your city
is drawn on my hand.
You are always in my thoughts!

"Your city will be built faster
than it was destroyed—
those who attacked it
will retreat and leave.
Look around! You will see
your people coming home.
As surely as I live,
I, the Lord, promise
that your city with its people
will be as lovely as a bride
wearing her jewelry." ♦

HYMN *Mothering God, you gave me birth*

WORDS: Jean Janzen, based on Julian of Norwich

MUSIC: Carolyn Jennings

1. Moth-er-ing God, you gave me birth in the bright morn-ing of this world.
2. Moth-er-ing Christ, you took my form, of-fer-ing me your food of light,
3. Moth-er-ing Spi-rit, nur-t'ring one, in arms of pa-tience hold me close,
Cre-a-tor, source of ev-ery breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
grain of life, and grape of love, your ve-ry bo-dy for my peace.
so that in faith I root and grow un-til I flower, un-til I know.

READING

A reading is offered from Revelations of Divine Love by Julian of Norwich.

THE GREAT SILENCE

All are invited to remain seated in silence, for yourself and others, and enter into an extended period of meditation.

SONG *All Shall Be Well*

WORDS: Julian of Norwich

MUSIC: Carol Browning

All shall be well, all shall be well, all
man-ner of things shall be well.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Taizé, adapt.

The intercessor offers the prayers, all respond by singing the Kyrie when indicated.

Intercessor O Risen Christ, your heart exults and your soul rejoices: comfort all who are living in sorrow. Let us pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Risen Lord, you come to transfigure our being: kindle in us the fire of your love. Let us pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Risen Lord, in you our resurrection has already begun on this earth: kindle in us the fire of your love. Let us pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Risen Lord, you come to fill our hearts with peace: kindle in us the fire of your love. Let us pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Risen Lord, your Spirit burns away sadness in us: kindle in us the fire of your love. Let us pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Intercessor Risen Lord, you come to gather us in your Body, the Church: kindle in us the fire of your love. Let us pray:

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

(“Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison” is Greek for “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.”)

CANDLE LIGHTING

All are invited to bring the prayers in your heart to Christ, symbolized by lighting a single candle in the candle bowl. Please place your candle as close to the center as possible, working outward as more candles are added.

SONG DURING CANDLE LIGHTING Lord God, you love us (*Toi, tu nous aimes*)

WORDS: Taizé
MUSIC: Berthier

Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion
Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie.____

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(prayed by all)*

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
holy and blessed is your name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
we pray that your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need,
give it to those who have not enough.
Let forgiveness flow between us.
Deliver us from evil.
For yours is the power and the glory
and the mercy now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lesser Feasts & Fasts (2024)

TRIUNE GOD, Father and Mother to us all, who showed your servant Julian
revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to
seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG *Laudate Dominum*

WORDS: Psalm 117:1

MUSIC: Berthier

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num,

1. 2.

om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!

Translation: Sing praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

ABOUT JULIAN OF NORWICH

Of Julian's early life we know little, only the probable date of her birth (1342). Her own writings in her Revelations of Divine Love are concerned only with her visions, or "showings," that she experienced when she was thirty years old rather than with the details of her biography.

Julian had been gravely ill and was given last rites. Suddenly, on the seventh day, all pain left her, and she had fifteen visions of Christ's Passion. These brought her great peace and joy. "From that time I desired oftentimes to learn what was our Lord's meaning," she wrote, "and fifteen years after I was answered in spiritual understanding: 'Would you learn the Lord's meaning in this thing? Learn it well. Love was his meaning. Who showed it you? Love. What did he show you? Love. Why did he show it? For Love.'"

Julian had long desired three gifts from God: "the mind of his passion, bodily sickness in youth, and three wounds—of contrition, of compassion, of will-full longing toward God." Her illness brought her the first two wounds, which then passed from her mind. The third, "will-full longing" (divinely inspired longing), never left her.

She became a recluse, an anchoress, at Norwich soon after her recovery from illness, living in a small dwelling attached to the parish church. Even in her lifetime, she was famed as a mystic and spiritual counselor and was frequently visited by clergy and lay persons, including the mystic Margery Kempe. Kempe says of Julian: "This anchoress was expert in knowledge of our Lord and could give good counsel. I spent much time with her talking of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Julian understood that God was both Father and Mother to us, and understood Christ as exemplifying this maternal face of God. "Thus Jesus Christ, who does good against evil, is our very Mother. We have our being in him, where the ground of motherhood begins . . . As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother."

Julian's book is a tender and beautiful exposition of God's eternal and all-embracing love, showing how his charity toward human beings is exhibited in the Passion. Again and again Julian referred to Christ as "our courteous Lord." Many have found strength in the words that the Lord had given her: "I can make all things well; I will make all things well; I shall make all things well; and you can see for yourself that all manner of things shall be well."

– *Lesser Feasts & Fasts* (2024)

Thank you for attending this Candlelit Prayer service with music from Taizé at Saint Mark's Cathedral. Please consider supporting the ministries of Saint Mark's by placing money in the offering basket as you leave, or using Venmo (please put Taize in the memo line; the four-digit code is 2076 if asked). May God's peace be with you this night and always.



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