On Silence:
Words fail to express our communion with God. In the depths of our being, through the Holy Spirit, Christ is praying far more than we can imagine. In silence, we employ childlike trust letting Christ pray silently with us. The voice of God is often heard only in a whisper, in a breath of silence. Remaining in silence in God’s presence, open to the Holy Spirit, is already prayer.
Be still and know that I am the Lord.

On the Taizé Community:
The Taizé community, birthed in 1940, began as a call to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through reconciliation and to be a sign of hope to a world in conflict. In the midst of World War II, Brother Roger, the community’s founder, welcomed into his home Jewish refugees and German prisoners-of-war alike to find shelter and healing. Since its inception, the community has emphasized trust, reconciliation and peace in a world hungry for meaning. The songs and prayers we have sung today, characteristic of Taizé, were birthed through a spirit that sought to demonstrate hospitality to young people from every nation around the world. The Taizé community plays host to over 100,000 young pilgrims annually.

For more information check out their website (www.taize.fr/en) or A Community Called Taize: A Story of Prayer, Worship, and Reconciliation by Jason Brian Santos

“Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with men determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything.”

-Brother Roger, Founder of Taize Community
Silence

Laudate Dominum (green #30)

With You, O Lord

Isaiah 41:10
Do not fear, I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

John 10:27-30
My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.
What my Father has given me, is greater than all else;
and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.

Wait for the Lord

Following the Lord's Prayer our liturgy within the chapel draws to a close but our liturgy in the world continues. You may leave quietly or remain for sung or silent prayer.