

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN  
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# WAITING IN HOPE



## TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS



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# ADVENT TAIZÉ

## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD AROUND THE CROSS

### ORDER OF THE CELEBRATION AT A GLANCE

*Each piece of music is offered as a suggestion and can be substituted for a more suitable local choice, as preferred.*

#### **Gathering**

Call to worship

Lighting of Advent Wreath - Wait for the Lord whose day is near.... (Taizé)

Sharing of the Light: The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in him I trust, in him I trust.  
(Taizé)

Welcoming God's loving mercy: Sung Kyrie Eleison -

#### **Word of God**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Silence

sung Meditation: Sanctum Nomen Domini (Margaret Rizza)

Romans 13:11-14

Silence

Sung Meditation: Prepare the way of the Lord (Taizé)

Silence

#### **Procession of light with adoration of the cross**

Procession to cross and placing of candles with act of adoration:

Christ our Light (Steve Warner)

For you O Lord My soul in stillness waits (Marty Haugen)

Quiet prayer:

Nada te turbe - Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul – Taizé

Be still, be still, know that I am God (Eric Wyse)

Prayer of the Faithful – (sung) response: O Lord hear my prayer

The Lord's Prayer

#### **Concluding Rite**

Concluding Prayer with litany of hope

Dismissal: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord and welcome God into your heart.

Final Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel

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As people gather, the choir/cantor can be singing prelude chants to help create a prayerful atmosphere.

People can be invited to sit in the pews for the opening part of the liturgy. An individual night light can be given to each person as they are welcomed at the door of the church.

### ORDER OF THE CELEBRATION

#### GATHERING RITE

##### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We gather on this Advent night around the cross of Jesus.

As winter darkness enfolds us,

our hope is the Lord who is our strength and our constant companion.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! – this is our Advent prayer.

And as we call upon the Lord, we bring this prayer, and the longing of each of our hearts, before the Cross, knowing that the One we call upon is already with us.

Let us gather in joyful hope around the Lord –  
the One who was, who is, and who is come.

Come, let us worship!

##### SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

##### SUNG CHANT

Wait for the Lord whose day is near, keep watch, take heart. (Taizé)

##### LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH & SHARING OF THE LIGHT (with chant)

**Leader:**

The prophet Isaiah spoke words of hope to Israel. He talked about the promise of Shalom and of a new beginning as he invites us to walk in the light and ways of Christ.

In our days, we hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony,  
for homes of peace and harmony.

As we light this advent wreath and share its light,

we remember the words of the prophets and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

We hope and trust in God's promise

that Christ will continue to fill our lives and the life of the world  
with love and joy and peace.

The Advent wreath is lit and light from it is distributed to the assembly, who light their night lights while the following is sung.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in him I trust, in him I trust. (Taizé)

Another chant can be used as needed.

### **WELCOMING GOD'S LOVING MERCY**

**Leader:** God is in our midst, enfolding us in steadfast love and unending mercy...

**Response:** Kyrie Eleison ( The London Fox Taizé Choir · Eric Wyse)

Or other sung version with the following spoken verses interspersed in the chanting:

**Reader:**

- Lord Jesus, you came to gather all people into the peace of God's kingdom (response)
  
- Your steadfast love never ceases, your mercies never come to an end (response)
  
- You bring light to those in darkness (response)

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Leader:** Merciful, faithful and loving God,

you are with us in every moment of our being.

Help us to hold fast to hope without wavering.

Lord Jesus Christ through you the Holy Spirit is poured out on us,

Help us to hope in eternal life.

Holy Spirit you abide in us and hope dwells in us,

Help us to patiently hope for the faith, love and peace you call us to.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## **WORD OF GOD**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 2:1-5)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains

and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SILENCE**

**SUNG MEDITATION** Sanctum Nomen Domini (Margaret Rizza) or other choice

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 13:11-14)

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy, Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SILENCE**

**SUNG MEDITATION** In our darkness (Taizé) or Prepare the Way of the Lord (Taizé)

**SILENCE**

## **PROCESSION OF LIGHT WITH ADORATION OF THE CROSS**

**INVITATION TO PROCESSION:**

**Leader:** Each of us carry within us our own deep desire for wholeness and contentment in this world. We each possess our own hopes and dreams for our life, the life that God has gifted us with.

On this Advent night we place these dreams and hopes at the Cross.

As we do we recognise that Jesus is our hope,

Jesus is our salvation,

Jesus is the one who calls us to fullness of life  
and who shows us His ways, the path of life.

Let us process together, placing our candle and spending time in prayer and adoration around the cross.

Depending on circumstances, assembly members may pause in adoration and prayer before returning to their seats, or they may be invited to be seated on cushions around the cross for the remainder of the time of prayer.

#### **MUSIC SUGGESTIONS TO ACCOMPANY PROCESSION**

Christ our Light (Steve Warner) or

For you O Lord My soul in stillness waits (Marty Haugen)

#### **TIME OF QUIET PRAYER AND ADORATION AROUND THE CROSS**

Nada te turbe (Taizé)

Bless the Lord my soul (Taizé)

Be still, be still, know that I am God (Eric Wyse)

And/or other suitable chants

#### **LITANY OF HOPE**

(Sung) Response: O Lord, hear my prayer (Taizé)

Alternatively, the assembly might give the spoken response: Fill our hearts with hope.

If people have returned to their places, they can be invited to stand for these prayers and to remain standing.

**Leader:** God listens to the prayers of our hearts. Let us turn to God once more in joyful hope, assured of his love and faithfulness.

**Reader:** Hope is the power by which we firmly and constantly long for what we were placed on earth to do. Fill our hearts with hope.

O Lord hear my prayer....

Hope is trusting in what God has promised us. Fill our hearts with hope.

O Lord hear my prayer...

Hope encourages us and sustains us on our journey of faith. Fill our hearts with hope.

O Lord hear my prayer...

Hope energises us and sustains us on our journey of faith. Fill our hearts with hope.

O Lord hear my prayer...

Hope energises us with the power of love. Fill our hearts with hope.

O Lord hear my prayer...

Hope is sure and steadfast, anchoring us in God. Fill our hearts with hope.

O Lord hear my prayer...

Hope is joy even in times of trial. Fill our hearts with hope.  
O Lord hear my prayer...

Hope is Jesus Christ and his promises. Fill our hearts with hope.  
O Lord hear my prayer...

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Leader:** In trust and confidence, we pray the words that Jesus taught us. Our Father...

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER** (Taken from the K&L Advent Family Prayer)

**Leader:** Loving God,  
as your light grows in the dark of winter,  
bring its gifts of hope, peace, joy  
and love to our world.

Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem  
to lead the way to your Son,  
guide us to follow your ways  
of justice and peace.

As we remember the journey  
of Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be a source of courage for our family,  
inspiring us to reach out in friendship  
to all those in need.

Help us to see in the Christ child the one who came to end all divisions,  
who came to love us and be with us.

And may the Lord bless us  
and keep us safe from all harm,  
this Advent day and always. Amen.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

**Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace and prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

**FINAL HYMN:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel or another hymn/instrumental

