

## What resources are available

<http://www.taize.fr/en>

Main website for Taizé – Lots of information

[www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com)

Publisher of Taizé music in this country

[www.onelicense.net](http://www.onelicense.net)

Source for copyright permission for music published by GIA

[www.Reinventingsunday.com](http://www.Reinventingsunday.com)

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Contact for Rev. Brad Berglund who leads workshops for instruction on the use of Taizé, retreat weekends using worship in the style of Taizé and pilgrimages to Taizé.

[www.mandalacenter.org](http://www.mandalacenter.org)

For a wonderful weekend away in New Mexico the Mandala Center has two weekend retreats each year for those who would like to learn about or pray for a full weekend in the style of Taizé.



## Some of the churches in the diocese that offer regular Taizé style services

Church of the Holy Spirit, Harleysville

Second Fridays 7 p.m.,

Arts and Spirituality gathering

Wednesdays in Lent 6:30 p.m.,

Prayers for Healing

St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia

First Fridays 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Glenside

Third Thursdays 7 p.m.

St. George's Ardmore

Third Sundays 7 p.m.

St. Philip's, New Hope

Third Thursdays 7 p.m.

## About the Spiritual Growth Resources Committee

The Spiritual Growth Resources Committee consists of lay and ordained persons whose mission is to support and strengthen the spiritual life of the diocese.

Members bring a wide variety of interests and experiences to their ministry of service to enhance the prayer life of parishes and individuals.

If you have an interest in participating in the work of this committee, contact the chair listed below.

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## To access this and other resources on the web

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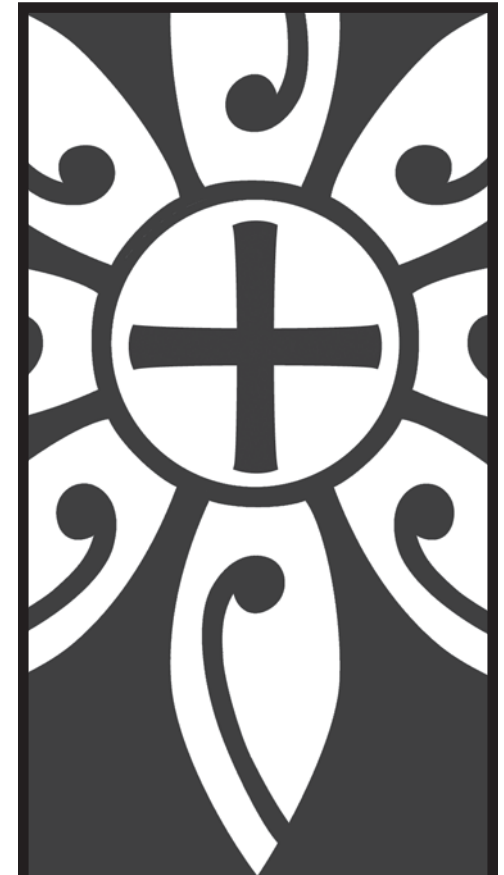


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Links to Resources

You will find brochures and information to browse or print.

## Worship in the style of Taizé



What is it?

How can we bring this to our parish?

What resources are available to help us?

A brochure in the Spiritual Disciplines series created for individuals and parishes by the Spiritual Growth Resources Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

## What is the Taizé community?

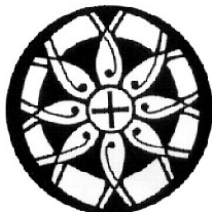
(Information from the Taizé website)

Taizé, in the south of Burgundy, France, is the home of an international, ecumenical community, founded there in 1940 by Brother Roger. The brothers are committed for their whole life to material and spiritual sharing, to celibacy, and to a great simplicity of life. Today, the community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, from more than twenty-five nations.

At the heart of daily life in Taizé are three times of prayer together. The brothers live by their own work. They do not accept gifts or donations for themselves. Some of the brothers are living in small groups – “fraternities” – among the very poor.

Since the late 1950s, thousands of young adults from many countries have found their way to Taizé to take part in weekly meetings for prayer and reflection. In addition, Taizé brothers make visits and lead meetings, large and small, in Africa, North and South America, Asia, and in Europe, as part of a “pilgrimage of trust on earth”.

Today, throughout the world, the name of Taizé evokes peace, reconciliation, communion, and the expectation of a springtime of the Church: “When the Church listens, heals, reconciles, it becomes what it is at its most luminous: the clear reflection of love” (Brother Roger)



## What is worship in the style of Taizé?

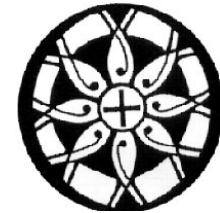
Since its beginnings music has been an integral part of the daily prayer life of the Taizé community and has reflected their mission of peace and reconciliation. As tens of thousands of visitors from around the world have flooded to Taizé for over 50 years, they have brought home with them the prayer and singing of the community. This has resulted in a prayer practice that is an extension of the life and ministry of the community itself.

In its ministry to bring wholeness to the worldwide Church, the Taizé community incorporates elements from different Christian traditions. These include the Orthodox tradition of icons. The music incorporated in prayer includes many languages and use of those languages is encouraged as a way to remember the worldwide body of Christ.

This style of worship primarily makes use of music written at or for the community in France. The character of the music is meditative, joyful, prayerful, chant-like and repetitive. This allows the gathered group to enter into prayer that is both corporate and individually centering.

### **An outline of worship suggested in Taizé resources**

- One or two opening songs
- A psalm (with alleluia)
- Song of light (optional)
- First Bible Reading
- Song
- Second Bible Reading (optional)
- Song
- Silence (10 minutes or more)
- Prayer of intercession or adoration
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Concluding Prayer
- Prayer around the cross (optional)
- or celebration of the resurrection (optional)



## How has this style of worship been used in parishes?

Many churches around the Philadelphia area of varying Christian traditions are using worship in the style of Taizé. Catholic, Episcopalian and even Mennonite congregations are praying together with word, song and silence for the needs of the world, their own communities and their churches. Individuals engage in Taizé for healing and inner peace. Some churches offer Taizé style worship on a regular basis, usually once a month.

This style of worship provides a wonderful entrance into days of retreat, monthly meetings for ecumenical prayer, or as a way to begin or close reflective gatherings of any kind.

Several creative uses of Taizé have been put into use at Church of the Holy Spirit in Harleysville, PA.

On the second Friday of every month a gathering of artists begins with worship in the style of Taizé as way of reflection, quieting and centering before embarking on an evening of individual creativity and sharing.

During Lent the church offers a short Taizé service on Wednesday evenings. The prayers have a particularly focus on healing. The service is preceded by a simple supper.

Church of the Holy Spirit used Taizé for intervals of group prayer during seasonal Quiet Days.