

Taize – Blue Christmas  
Online  
December 2020

Order of Service

Welcome

Song: All Earth is Waiting #210

Opening Prayer

Creator God, lover of the universe, we come to you in this quiet place seeking your reassurance and your hope. We come in the midst of noise, listening for your gentle heartbeat. For those who are chilled by grief and pain, bring the warmth of your love. For those who are overwhelmed by feelings that exhaust and stifle, bring the cooling breeze of your love. For those who are caught in the glare of expectations, bring the comforting darkness of your love. For those who find themselves in shadows of anxiety bring the morning dawn of your love. Breathe courage into our day. Whisper strength into our dreams. We ask these things in the name of your child, Jesus, who was born of a woman into a chaotic world of birth, death, and rebirth – just like today. Amen.

Song #20, p.42 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 142:6-8

Reflection: “Thirsting for God”

Song: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 41:17-18

Reflection: “God in the Waters”

Song #25 “When the Night Becomes Dark” p.47

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 55:1

Reflection: “Come to the Water”

Song: In the Bleak Midwinter #221

Lighting of Candles (with some instrumental music while camera focuses on some tea lights being lit and then just stays focused on them until the music is done)

The Lord’s Prayer

Song #37, p.56 “Within our Darkest Night”

Sending Out with Hope

## **Taizé Music for BLUE CHRISTMAS 2020 Worship Service**

### ***All Earth is Waiting (210)***

“Toda la Tierra” (“All Earth Is Waiting”), Alberto Taule (Music & Words)

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### ***O Lord, Hear My Prayer (20)***

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer,” Jacques Berthier/Taize Community

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### ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (196)***

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Charles Wesley (Text; 1744) & Rowland H. Prichard (Music; 1830)

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### ***When the Night Becomes Dark (25)***

“When the Night Becomes Dark,” Suzanne Toolan/Taize Community

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### ***In the Bleak Midwinter (221)***

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Christina G. Rossetti (Text; 1872) & Gustav Holst (Music; 1906)

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### ***Instrumental: In the Bleak Midwinter***

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

David Lasky (Arr.) & Gustav Holst (Music; 1906)

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### ***Within our Darkest Night (37)***

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