

Sale Churches Together

VIRTUAL ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICE

Sunday 29th November 2020

'From Darkness to Light, from Despair to Hope'



Hosted virtually at 4pm on Facebook Live

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Welcome

All are welcome to join in from your homes, so that the Christian community of Sale and further afield may come together in prayer and worship, lifting your voices in the hope of the Advent season. We await the arrival of the Son of God, the child who will bring Light into the Darkness, and who will remind us that Hope will always conquer Despair.

We begin in silent prayer this Advent Sunday with only a candle for light:

Advent Carol:

Solo: O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

All join at home:

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict-ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law,
In cloud and majesty and awe,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Opening Prayer – Father Stephen Woolley

Please join in singing the Taize chants at home:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!



Brother Roger's prayer 1 -

Breath of Christ's loving, Holy Spirit, in the depths of our soul you set faith. It is like a burst of trusting repeated countless times in the course of our life. It can only be a simple act of trust, so simple that all can welcome it.

**Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

Brother Roger's prayer 2 –

Jesus Light of our hearts, since your resurrection, you always come to us.

Whatever point we may be at, you are always waiting for us. And you tell us: Come to me, you who are overburdened, and you will find relief.

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Gospel reading followed by Homily

**Laudate Omnes gentes, Laudate Dominum,
Laudate Omnes gentes, Laudate Dominum.
(translation: all peoples praise the Lord)**

Brother Roger's prayer 3 –

Christ Jesus, when we think we are alone, you are there. If there seems to be doubt within us, that does not make you love us any the less. We would like to be daring enough to take risks on account of you, Christ. So we pay attention to your words: Whoever gives his life for love of me will find it.

**Ubi caritas at amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(translation: where charity and love are, God is there)**



Prayers of Intercession:

During this Advent season, we remember all those who have lost their lives to Coronavirus, and for all those who are grieving for their loved ones. We pray for those who have been affected through loss of income, separation from family and friends, and for those whose mental health has suffered during this time. We pray this Advent season will bring hope to all.

Please sing the response to each prayer:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me**

We pray for the intercession of Our Lady, the Mother of God, to bring us closer to God and to help us remember the message of Advent, that from the Darkness, there will be Light, and that from Despair, there will be Hope:

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Brother Roger's prayer 4 –

Christ Jesus, when multitudes of children and young people, marked for life by being abandoned, are like strangers on this earth, some people ask: does my life still have any meaning? And you assure us of this: each time you alleviate the suffering of an innocent person, you do it for me, Christ.

**Nada te turbe, nada te espante; quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante: solo Dios basta. x2**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God can never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us. x2**



Repeat Spanish x2

Brother Roger's prayer 5 –

Jesus our peace, if our lips keep silence, our heart listens to you and also speaks to you. And you say to each one of us: surrender yourself in all simplicity to the life of the Holy Spirit; for this, the little bit of faith you have is enough.

**Bless the Lord, my Soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Brother Roger's prayers 6 –

O Christ, you are united to every human being without exception. Still more, risen from the dead, you come to heal the secret wound of our soul. And for each of us there opens the gates of an infinite goodness of heart. Through such love, little by little our hearts are changed.

Let us join together in singing the prayer of all Christians, united everywhere:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from all that is evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Brother Roger's prayer 7 -

Living God, you bury our past in the heart of Christ and you are going to take care of our future.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

**Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, Alleluia! X2
Sing praise and bless the Lord, Sing praise and bless the Lord,
Peoples, Nations, Alleluia! X2
Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, Alleluia! X2**

