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Pilgrimage of trust on earth in Rostock

Meeting booklet

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Information point

For information, urgent messages, lost and found, you can go to HanseMesse

- December 28-31, 11:30am to 9:30pm (except during prayers)

First aid station

- HanseMesse, December 28-31, 11:30am to 9:30pm (except during prayers)

Masks

Wearing a (surgical or FFP2) mask is required in public transport and recommended in closed spaces.

Common prayers

The two images in the prayer hall at HanseMesse come from the altarpiece representing the story of the Wise Men in eight scenes, painted by an artist from the North of Germany in the fifteenth century for the church of the Saint John Convent in Rostock. One of the images shows them worshipping the child Jesus at Bethlehem (see Matthew 2:1-12). The other is mysterious: they are in a boat in front of a fortified city with a port.

Would it be Rostock, or Bethlehem? What does the artist want to tell us? Perhaps that after they worshipped Jesus, they decided to return home by boat and made a long detour via the Baltic Sea to deceive and avoid King Herod. Or perhaps our poor painter, never having seen another city than his own, painted Bethlehem with a port as he would have painted his home town, Rostock.

In any case, the Wise Men did not hesitate to leave everything in order to make their journey. They are with us in our prayer, since we too have set out during this season of Christmas.

Place of silence and prayer

St. Thomas More Church, Thomas-Morus-Str. 4, 18106 Rostock (29 and 30 December from 2:30pm to 5pm).

Meals

From December 28-31 a meal and a packed lunch for the next day are distributed between 5:30pm and 6pm at HanseMesse. A distribution and a place to eat are available for those in wheelchairs who wish it. On December 31 there is no packed lunch distributed.

Please remember to bring a cup or bowl and a spoon. Especially keep with you the bag you received when you were welcomed; it will allow you to receive the evening meals.

Distribution of a warm drink

On December 29-31 a warm drink is distributed from 11:30am to 12:30pm at HanseMesse.

Please remember to bring a cup or bowl.

Bookshop

You can purchase postcards, books, little cross-doves and CDs edited by the Ateliers et Presses de Taizé at HanseMesse.

Transportation

Follow carefully the indications concerning your host church, the timetables and the means of transport.

Messages received for the Rostock meeting

Church leaders or heads of international organizations have written messages to the participants in the European meeting. They can be found at www.taize.fr/en

Social networks

We invite you already to follow news of the meeting on the social networks. During the entire meeting you can share your impressions on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by using the hashtag #Taize.



Safeguarding

Hospitality creates closeness and trust, which must not be exploited to the detriment of people's integrity. That is why all participants in the European meeting strive to contribute to an atmosphere in which everyone, regardless of their origin, culture or age, is treated with respect.

The following commitment helps preserve boundaries in mutual relationships and promotes a culture of trust:

- I pledge to respect the psychological, physical, and sexual integrity of all and avoid any behavior that violates it. I give maximum respect to the privacy and intimacy of individuals.
- In communicating openly, I draw the attention of my interlocutor to behaviors that I believe violate boundaries.
- If I experience sexual harassment, spiritual abuse, or violence, or if I notice it in my environment, I immediately inform the prevention team or a specialized service.

The multilingual personal protection team of the European Youth Meeting in Rostock (available continuously until January 2)

- Sabine Schubert +49 (0)1622 169 147 and Benedict Schubert, +49 (0)1525 20 35 741, or protection@taize.fr (even after the meeting).

And also (not permanently reachable).

- Prevention Service of the Protestant Church, by phone +49 (0)174 3267628 (in German) or by e-mail meldestelle@kirche-mv.de
- Prevention and intervention unit of the diocese of Hamburg, by phone +49 (0)162 326 04 62 or by e-mail buero.ansprechpersonen@erzbistum-hamburg.de
- The independent contact center UNA, by phone 0800-022099 (free and anonymous), by e-mail una@wendepunkt-ev.de

The work of ascertaining the truth must continue in the Church and in Taizé

My brothers and I are well aware of the suffering of people who are victims of spiritual abuse and sexual assault in the Church. The lack of a clear and swift response in dealing with these situations has often compounded the pain caused by these offences and crimes. In Taizé too, as we explained in 2019, brothers in our community have committed sexual assaults. As I listen to the victims, I become more and more aware of the depth of the wounds. What has happened is intolerable and appalling to us and it keeps us from any form of idealizing our community.

We are also aware of the responsibility that falls to us, the brothers, because week after week we welcome young people who come to Taizé with the hope of finding trust in God, in life and in themselves. For this reason, it is essential that those who have experienced abuse in Taizé have the necessary means (email protection@taize.fr and www.taize.fr/protection) to be able to talk about it and to be heard, that those who have suffered, here or elsewhere, can speak about it; and that the integrity of each person is protected in Taizé as well as in the meetings we organise in other places.

If we are able to make progress on this path, it is thanks to people who have had the courage to tell us about the abuses experienced in Taizé, and to bodies outside our community who give us advice with a critical eye.

We continue the pilgrimage of trust and the meetings now bearing in mind the suffering of those whose trust has been abused, listening to the remarks and suggestions coming from outside, and doing everything possible, both within the community and in our pastoral mission, to make Taizé a safe place for everyone. It is with this attitude that we want to continue to move forward, with a renewed awareness of what is expected of us.

Brother Alois

Message for 2023

Inner Life and Solidarity

Where can we find the source of a universal brother- and sisterhood, both at the heart of our human family and with the whole of creation? Different answers to this question have developed over time in the spiritual traditions of the peoples of the earth.

For Christians, the time has come to reach a deeper understanding of their faith. Not to put themselves forward or to claim they have answers to everything, but to join more effectively in a common search with those who do not want merely to submit to their fate, but who choose to work on the great issues of the day. This message for 2023 seeks to identify courses of action to help renew Christian life in our time.

“Prayer and righteous action.” In the terrible years of the Second World War, that was the intuition of the pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer.¹ While in prison, he reflected on the essential

aspects of Christian life. In the midst of the tragedy of the war, he took a stand. In the darkness of his time, he saw clearly:

Our being Christians today will be limited to two things: prayer and righteous action among human beings. All Christian thinking, speaking and organizing must be born anew out of this prayer and action.²

How can we translate this intuition for today? Each person can give their own reply. At Taizé we would say: by deepening our inner life and our solidarity with others or, in other words, by nourishing our prayer life and widening our friendship.

To discover the signs of God's presence in our lives, the witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer can help us. He was very aware of the absolute evil at work in his day, and yet an inner impetus enabled him, like many other people past and present, to opt for hope and for trust in God in situations of extreme violence, without despairing of humankind.

In the present situation we can, in our turn, choose to trust. We are free to discern, at the heart of our world, a light that comes from elsewhere. Even when we are going through a hard time, even when God does not seem to answer our cry, that light already rises like the morning star in our hearts (2 Peter 1:19).

f. Alois

1. Active in the resistance against Hitler and in the Confessing Church, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was imprisoned in 1943 and executed in 1945. His writings, especially his letters and reflections written while in prison, were highly influential after the war and remain so to this day.

2. "Thoughts on the Day of Baptism of D.W.R. Bethge" (May 1944), in *Letters and Papers from Prison*, p. 300.

Opting for trust

Today, when the younger generation—and others too—are weighed down by heavy burdens, what can change our outlook and awaken our creativity? There are certainly many reasons to feel a profound anxiety, circumstances that can deeply affect our vision of the world and the way we see ourselves. Some people even come to the point of calling into question God and God's presence in the world.

Worry is an understandable reaction. It can be beneficial when it leads us to see and to understand the perils that threaten us, to be clear-sighted and not naive. We must be careful, however, not to give in to fatalism, cynicism or fear, which risk trapping us in a negative spiral.

In order to avoid such a dead-end, the Gospel orients us by pointing towards Christ Jesus, who goes before us. Throughout his life Christ experienced joy, and worry too. He was subject to a growing hostility that led in the end to the extreme violence of the cross. But death did not have the last word, because God brought him back to life and he is alive forever. That is the amazing thing about the Gospel. Its first witnesses invite us to run the risk of trusting in this message.

Christ continues to walk alongside every human being today, to communicate to all people the unconditional love of God. By the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, he enables us to take a stand, conferring on every person a fundamental dignity.

Let us be guided not only by what comes to us from without, but let us also welcome that inner light, that trust which bears the name of faith.

Seeking renewal in prayer

In order to view our lives, other people and the world in a new way, a personal step is needed. This takes place in the depths of our being, when we welcome into our existence the kindly presence of God. It involves an inner change of direction, which the Gospel calls conversion and which leads us to welcome God's consolation and to love more and more.

We can all look for times and places to find an inner silence, to open a space of listening, and to discover a communion with God. Jesus already invited his friends to do this: "When you pray, go into your room and close the door, to pray to your Father who is there in secret" (Matthew 6:6).

Today, this invitation seems to go somewhat against the stream. We are going through a time when things are becoming much more polarized and when divisions are growing in our societies, sometimes even in Churches and in families. In this context, noise and lies seem to drown out the silent inner developments that require time.

That is why prayer is all the more essential: it is a source of hope, a road to serenity; it makes us able to keep the doors of dialogue open, even with those who are opposed to us or who come from other horizons than we do.

Walking together with others

In addition to personal prayer, there is another call: to walk together with others, with a view to that universal brother- and sisterhood whose signs we are trying to discern. Inner life is not an isolated aspiration; it continues in a common undertaking with those who share the same search.

We can already begin by helping the visible unity of Christians to grow! Not of course in order to be stronger in the face of a hostile world, but to set free the dynamism of the Gospel. We do not need to wait for all the theological questions to be harmonized in order to come together to pray.

When we meet with Christians of different denominations, at times we become aware of positions that seem incompatible—and sometimes in fact can be so—at least on a conceptual level. Instead of emphasizing them, another approach is possible: to begin again and again by praying together. Such a practice of unity will allow God's people to head towards a common confession of faith.

Perhaps this too will enable us to change our way of seeing the Church: could we consider it more and more as the great family of those who, in the steps of Christ, choose to love? To be a leaven of peace, it is time to stop fostering divisions among ourselves, remaining on parallel tracks that never meet!

This search for visible unity must go hand in hand with the recognition of the evil that has sometimes been done in our Churches and a firm commitment to make the necessary changes. Many people have seen their trust shattered. At Taizé too, the trust of some people has been betrayed; we are well aware of this. Trust is a fragile reality that often needs to be renewed and rebuilt, and this is possible only by listening to those who have been wounded.³

3. On this subject, see the message of Brother Alois "In the Church and at Taizé, the work of ascertaining the truth must continue," published on the occasion of the European meeting in Rostock and accessible on line at www.taize.fr/protection

Widening our friendship

In order to contribute to the creation of a worldwide family, the Church is invited to be a sign of God's coming Kingdom and to discover what the Holy Spirit calls us to do today. Here are some of those calls, to be deepened together with others.

- Today, for many people, a sense of belonging is becoming more essential so as to forge their identity. This belonging can develop, however, not in opposition to and in conflict with others, but through respect and encounter. Yes, let us look for the part of truth that is there in the other—that will help us to grow.
- A place of mutual respect can be the dialogue between believers of different religions. In this dialogue, openness to others is possible when we ourselves are rooted in our own religious tradition, like a tree that needs deep roots to develop branches that are wide open. An authentic friendship is possible, even if it includes a certain suffering due to the fact that the others cannot share our deepest convictions.
- Many people today are painfully aware how deeply racism and all forms of discrimination weigh upon interpersonal relationships and upon so many societies across the world. Let us seek together all that can help us change our way of seeing others, for instance by listening to those who have left their country of origin. Let us accept the part of otherness that makes every encounter a treasure.
- Are we attentive enough to the cry of the earth? Our human activities and our negligence damage our marvelous planet, as the environmental disasters and the extreme weather conditions that have been increasing lately remind us. It is urgent to recall the responsibility entrusted by God to humankind. Political and economic decisions are imperative, but each of us can already simplify our way of life and renew a sense of wonder at the beauty of creation.

- In the context of the war that is ravaging Ukraine and so many other places in the world, some people find it very hard to pray, as if God were absent or silent in the face of evil. And yet praying for peace awakens our sense of responsibility and our solidarity with all who are suffering so terribly from the tragedy of war. It is not a matter of asking for a facile peace that concedes victory to the aggressor, but a true and demanding peace that, in order to be lasting, must include justice and truth. Yes, praying for peace is more urgent than ever.



For those of us who are believers, trust in God can give us a hope that is more powerful than fear of the future. Not a naive trust but the conviction, rooted in our hearts, that God is at work in creation and calls us to be at work in our turn, by taking on our responsibility for ourselves... and for the next generation.

When peace seems an inaccessible ideal and violence is tearing apart the family of nations, when all sorts of dangers unsettle us, let us remind ourselves: in an inner life which may be very poor, by solidarity with our neighbor and friendship that grows ever wider, the Risen Christ comes to meet us. Christ changes our outlook, leading us into a wider world and inviting us to take unexpected steps forward. Will we welcome him?

"Together"

An event is being prepared to help Christian unity to grow, "Together", a "gathering of the People of God." More information will be published soon, during the week of prayer for Christian unity; you can already mark on your calendars the date of September 30, 2023.

Information on the meetings in Taizé, the special weeks during the summer and the next European meeting can be found on the Taizé website: www.taize.fr

Daily Program

WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER

From 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Distribution of the meal and a packed lunch for the next day at HanseMesse

7pm

COMMON PRAYER

HanseMesse

For the songs and the structure of the prayer, see the end of this booklet.

Reading

C***ome, my children, listen to me; I will teach you respect for the Lord. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.***

(Psalm 34:11-18)

During the second part of the prayer:

meditation by Brother Alois (in English and German; translations are available on the app of the meeting), followed by prayer around the cross.

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Then return to the accommodations. Please do not return late out of respect for your hosts.

Follow carefully the indications you received concerning the transportation.

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER

8:30am

Morning prayer in the host communities

Song: *Meine Hoffnung (El Senyor) (1)*

from Psalm 73

1. I was always in your presence, O God; you were holding me by my right hand.
2. You will guide me by your counsel and will lead me into glory.
3. Whom have I in heaven but you? Apart from you I want nothing on earth.
4. God is my refuge and possession for ever!
5. To be near God is my happiness. I have put my trust in you, Lord God, to tell of all your works.

Reading

What I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may put it into practice?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may put it into practice?" No, the word of the Lord is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may put it into practice. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. [...] Choose life, so that you and your children may live.

(Deuteronomy 30:11-15,19c)

Song: *The kingdom of God (9)*

Silence

Prayer

Jesus our joy, you want us to have hearts that are simple, a kind of springtime of the heart. And then the complications of existence do not paralyze us so much. You tell us: don't worry; even if you have very little faith, I, Christ, am with you always.

Intercessions

1. God our Father, fill our lives with your compassion; may we live in the generosity of forgiveness.
2. For those who cannot believe and who give their lives in the service of others, Lord, we pray.
3. O Christ, light from above, come and visit all those who are in darkness; show them the way of your love.
4. Support those who are going through times of difficulty and discouragement, O source of confidence and life.
5. Guide us by your Spirit so that we may accomplish the will of your love; give us new hearts.

Our Father

Songs

A time to get to know the local reality better, and small-group meeting

Once the small groups have been formed, take the time to introduce yourselves. Then re-read the bible text for the morning prayer and share together:

- 1. During this year, each person has had different experiences. What were the sources of joy? What were the sources of discouragement?***
- 2. In our daily lives, how and where do we find signs of God's presence?***
- 3. In the introduction to the Message for 2023, re-read the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. How can we put these two priorities into practice? Do you see other priorities for believers today?***

• Departure for HanseMesse

From 11:30am, distribution of a warm drink at HanseMesse.

1pm**MIDDAY PRAYER****Reading**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." [...] Then Herod called the wise men secretly and found out from them the He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

(Matthew 2:1-2,7-12)

Short Bible meditation at the end of the prayer in English and German.
Translations available on the meeting app.

*QR Code p. 40***3:00 pm****Workshops**

See the list of workshops on the app Taizé-Rostock. English and German are spoken everywhere; other translations can be organized spontaneously.

*QR Code p. 40***From 5:30pm to 6pm**

Distribution of the meal and a packed lunch for the next day.

7:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

Reading

Jesus said to his disciples when they returned from their mission: “Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

(Luke 10:20-22)

During the second part of the prayer:

meditation by Brother Alois followed by prayer around the cross.

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FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER

8:30am

Morning prayer in the host communities

Song: *Dodí, Duše Presveti (Tui amoris ignem) (12)*

from Psalm 139

1. O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising.
2. You watch when I walk or lie down; all my ways lie open to you.
3. Before ever a word is on my tongue you know it, Lord, through and through.
4. Behind and before you surround me, your hand ever laid upon me.
5. If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast.

Reading

Jesus said, "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing up in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by everyone. Truly I tell you, they have already received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

(Matthew 6:5-6)

Song: *Aber du weißt den Weg für mich (4)*

Silence

Prayer

God of all the living, enable us to surrender ourselves to you in silence and in love. Surrendering ourselves to you does not come easily to our human condition. But you intervene in the deepest recesses of our being and your will for us is the radiance of a hope.

Intercessions

1. God our Father, you never take back your call and your gifts: give us life by your love.
2. Son of the living God, your faithfulness enables us to remain always faithful to you: give us life by your love.
3. Son of the living God, you are familiar with our trials and our poverty: give us life by your love.
4. Holy Spirit, in our lives you stimulate a desire for peace and justice: give us life by your love.
5. Holy Spirit, you have placed gifts in our hearts to make us creators of communion: give us life by your love.

Our Father

Songs

Discovering local communities and small-group meetings

Re-read the bible text for the morning prayer and share together in the small group:

1. ***“Inner life”: what does this expression mean to me? What relationship is there between inner life and prayer?***
2. ***How do “individual prayer” and “prayer with others” go together? Or are they the same thing?***
3. ***Read the paragraph of the Message for 2023 entitled Seeking renewal in prayer. Against what “noise” or “lies” does an inner life have to struggle?***

From 11:30am on

Distribution of a warm drink at HanseMesse

1pm**MIDDAY PRAYER****Reading**

Peter wrote: *“We did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. So we consider the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

(2 Peter 1:16-19)

Short Bible meditation at the end of the prayer.

3pm**Workshops**

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From 5:30pm to 6pm

Distribution of the meal and a packed lunch for the next day.

7pm

EVENING PRAYER

Reading

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the most high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? –He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? Only this: to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:6-8)

During the second part of the prayer:

meditation by Brother Alois, followed by the prayer around the cross.

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SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

8:30am

Morning prayer in the host communities

Song: *Przybądź Duchu Boży (17)*

from Psalm 34

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise always on my lips.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise God's name.
3. Look towards God and be radiant, your faces not covered with shame.
4. Taste and see that the Lord is good. They are happy who seek refuge in God.
5. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves the downcast.

Reading

Jesus said to his disciples, "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you! [...] And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. [...] But seek first God's Kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

(Luke 12:27-29,31)

Song: *Jubelt und freut euch (7)*

Silence

Prayer

You bless us, Christ, and you draw us out of our isolation by enabling us to live in that mystery of communion which is your body, your Church.

Intercessions

1. That Christians may never cease to go towards all people, and become ferments of reconciliation in the human family, we pray to the Lord.
2. For all who believe, for those who have a ministry in the Church, that they may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.
3. That the goods of the earth may be shared among all, we pray to the Lord.

4. For all the nations of the earth, that wars and violence may cease, we pray to the Lord.
5. For the poor and the afflicted, we pray to the Lord.
6. For those who are persecuted on account of Christ's name, for all who are seeking justice, we pray to the Lord.

Our Father

Songs

Small-group meetings:

Re-read the bible text for the morning prayer and share together in the same small group as yesterday:

- 1. What is the possible relationship between trust in God and commitment for justice and a more just world? Can personal plans for success be opposed to plans for a universal brother- and sisterhood?***
- 2. We share spaces (planet, country, church, etc.). What new forms of collaboration and co-responsability can we invent in these spaces shared in common?***
- 3. Read the paragraph of the Message for 2023 entitled Widening our friendship. What steps can we take in the short- and long-term to contribute to a universal brother- and sisterhood?***

From 11:30am on

Distribution of a warm drink at HanseMesse

1pm**MIDDAY PRAYER****Reading**

Nehemiah wrote: *When I heard the outcry and the charges of the men and women of the people, I was very angry. I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, “You are charging your own people interest!” So I called together a large meeting to deal with them and said: “As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to foreigners. Now you are selling your own people! [...] I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.” – “We will give it back,” they said. “And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say.”*

(Nehemiah 5:6-8a,10-12)

Short Bible meditation at the end of the prayer.

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3pm**Meetings by country or region of origin**

Times and places on the meeting app. These meetings, led by Taizé brothers, are intended to help you look for ways to continue a “pilgrimage of trust” when you return home.

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From 5:30pm to 6pm

Meal distribution.

7pm

EVENING PRAYER

Reading

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? [...] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:31b-32,35-39)

During the second part of the prayer:

meditation by Brother Alois, followed by the prayer around the cross.

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At 11pm

In the host church, in communion with peoples who are suffering, a prayer vigil for peace, followed by a “festival of nations”:

Songs: *Meine Hoffnung (El Senyor) (1) and Vieni Spirito creatore (13)*

Introductory prayer

God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in our world, and especially by the acts of war in Ukraine. Enable us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer, and who live today in fear and anxiety. Sustain the hope of all those, in that part of the world we love so dearly, who seek justice and peace. Send the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, to inspire the leaders of nations and all human beings.

Song: *Slavite vsi narody / Laudate omnes gentes (13)*

from Psalm 27

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
3. God makes me safe in his tent on the day of evil. God hides me in the shelter of his tent, on a rock I am secure.
4. Instruct me, Lord, in your way; lead me on an even path because of my adversaries.
5. In the Lord, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.

Reading

Paul wrote: As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Colossians 3:12-17)

Song: *Bóg jest miłością (19)*

Silence

Intercessions

1. For the Church, for the Christian communities of Rostock and the region, Lord we pray.
2. For our countries and those who live there, for those who work for the common good, Lord we pray.
3. For the elderly and for the ill, Lord we pray.
4. For those who are unjustly accused, for those who suffer because of their integrity, Lord we pray.
5. For those who work for reconciliation and peace among nations, Lord we pray.

Our Father

Song: *Da pacem... in diebus (10)*

Prayer:

God of every human being, in a world where we are bewildered by the incomprehensible suffering of the innocent, how can we be witnesses to the Gospel? Enable us to manifest a reflection of the compassion of Christ by the lives we live.

Songs

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY

Worship with the host communities

Meal with local residents or in the host community.

From 4pm on

Buses leave from HanseMesse Parking P1

Songs for prayer

Order of worship

Song

Alleluia no. 4 (evening)

Psalm, sung with Alleluia no. 2

Prayer

Song

Bible reading (printed in this booklet)

Song

Silence

Prayer (at midday) / Sung intercessions with Kyrie Eleison (in the evening)

Song

Prayer (in the evening)

Song

Short meditation

Songs

1. Meine Hoffnung (El Senyor)

Mei - ne Hoff - nung und mei - ne Freu - de, mei - ne Stär - ke, mein Licht,
El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el meu cant.

Chri - stus, mei - ne Zu - ver - sicht, auf dich ver - trau ich und fürcht mich
Ell m'ha_es - tat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc

nicht, auf dich ver - trau ich und fürcht mich nicht. Mei - ne
por, en ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. El Se -

In the Lord
I'll be ev-er
thank-ful, in the
Lord I will re-
joice! Look to
God, do not be
a-fraid. Lift up
your voi-ces, the
Lord is near. Lift

up your voi-ces, the Lord is near. / **Pan jest mo-ça** swo-je-go lu-du. Pieś-nią mo-ją jest Pan. Mo-ja tar-ça i mo-ja moc, On jest mym Bo-giem, nie jes-tem sam. W Nim mo-ja si-ła, nie jes-tem sam. / **Jer Go-spo-din** je mo-ja sna-ga, mo-ja pje-sma, moj mir. On je Bog i Spa—si -telj, u njeg' se u-zdam, ne bo-jim se, u njeg' se u-zdam, ne bo-jim se. / **Il Si-gnor** è la mi-a for-za, e io spe-ro in Lui. Il Si-gnor è il Sal—va-tor. In lui con-fi-do, non ho ti-mor, in lui con-fi-do, non ho ti-mor. cf. *Jesaja 12,2*

2. Alleluia (Аллилуия)

(Halleluja! Ehre sei dir, Gott. / Alleluia! Glory be to you, O God. /
Alleluia! Gloria a te, o Dio. / Alléluia ! Gloire à toi, Dieu.)

Ал-ли-лу-и - я, ал-ли-лу-и - я, ал-ли-лу-и - я, сла-ва те-бе Бо - же!
Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, sla - va tie - bie Bo - že!

Molto più lento

Ал-ли-лу-и - я, ал-ли-лу-и - я, ал-ли-лу-и - я, сла-ва те-бе Бо - же!
Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, sla - va tie - bie Bo - že!

3. Alleluia 17

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (Al - le - lu - ia!)

4. Aber du weißt den Weg für mich

Gott, lass mei-ne Ge-dan-kensichsam-meln zu dir. Bei dir ist das Licht,

du ver-gisst mich nicht. Bei dir ist die Hil - fe, bei dir ist die Ge-duld.

Ich ver-ste-he dei-ne We-ge nicht, a-ber du weißt — den Weg — für mich. Gott,

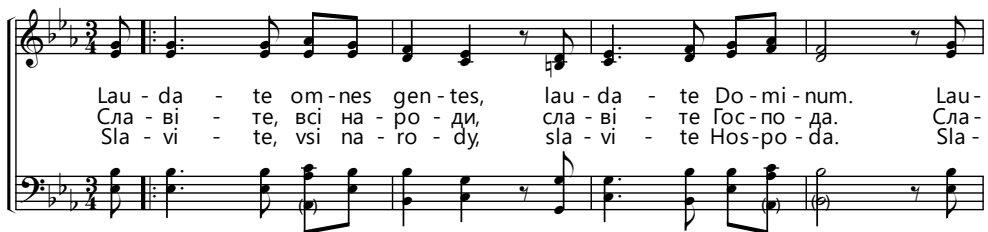
(God, gather and turn my thoughts to you. With you there is light, you do not forget me. With you there is help and patience. I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*)

5. Kyrie 6




Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

6. Славите, всі народи (Laudate omnes gentes)



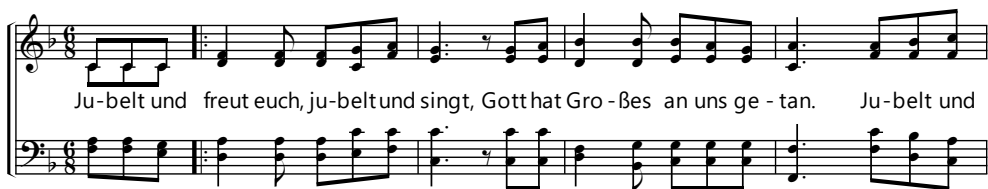
Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
 Сла - ви - те, всі на - ро - ди, сла - ви - те Гос - по - да. Сла -
 Sla - vi - te, vsi na - ro - dy, sla - vi - te Hos - po - da. Sla -



da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
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♪ Sing prai-ses, all you peo-ples, sing prai-ses to the Lord. / Lob-singt, ihr Völ-ker al-le, lob-singt un-se-rem Gott. / Que to-do el mun-do, a-la-be, a-la-be al Se-ñor. / Zpěv ná-ro-dů at' chvá-lí tvé jmé-no, Pa-ne náš. / Svi pu-ci ne-ka sla-ve, nek' sla-ve Go-spo-da. / Di-csér-je min-den nem-zet, di-csér-je az U-rat. / Hva-li-te vsi ro-do-vi, hva-li-te Je-zu-sa. / Ō-vŭn ey tŭm u-lus-lar, ō-vŭn Rab-bi-mi-zi.
 (Louez le Seigneur, tous les peuples. / Lodate il Signore tutte le genti. Ps 117, 1)

7. Jubelt und freut euch



Ju-belt und freut euch, ju-belt und singt, Gott hat Gro-Bes an uns ge - tan. Ju-belt und



freut euch, fürch-tet euch nicht. Hal-le-lu - ja, hal-le - lu - ja! Ju-belt und

(Be glad and rejoice, be glad and sing; God has done great things! Be glad and rejoice, do not be afraid. Alleluia, alleluia! / Exultez et réjouissez-vous, exultez et chantez, car Dieu a fait de grandes œuvres. Exultez et réjouissez-vous, ne craignez pas. Alléluia, alléluia ! cf Jl 2, 21)

8. In resurrectione tua

Two systems of musical notation. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "In re-sur-rec-ti-o-ne tu-a, Chri-ste, cae-li et ter-ra lae-ten-tur. In re-sur-rec-ti-o-ne tu-a, Chri-ste, cae-li et ter-ra lae-ten-tur. In". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

♪ The heav-ens and the earth re-joice, Lord Je-sus, raised from the dead, you are liv-ing. / **A-lé-gren-se el cie-lo y la tier-ra** re-su-ci-tó Je-su-cris-to. A-lé-gren-se el cie-lo y la tier-ra re-su-ci-tó Je-su-cris-to. / **Az e-gek és a föl-dek é-ne-kel-jék** föl-tá-ma-dá-so-dat Krisz-tus!

(Que ciel et terre se réjouissent dans ta résurrection, O Christ. / In deiner Auferstehung, Christus, freuen sich Himmel und Erde. / Niechaj niebo i ziemia radują się z Twego zmartwychwstania!)

9. The kingdom of God

Two systems of musical notation. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit." The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

♪ Kró-les-two Tve, Pa-nie, poś-ród nas jest: Twój Duch, spra-wie-dli-wość, po-kój, więc przyjdź, wpro-wadź nas do bram kró-les-twa Bo-że-go.

(Das Reich Gottes ist Gerechtigkeit, Friede und Freude im Heiligen Geist. Komm, Herr, und öffne in uns die Tore deines Reiches. / Il regno di Dio giustizia, pace e gioia nello Spirito Santo. Vieni, Signore, e apri in noi le porte del tuo regno. cf. Rm 14, 17)

10. Da pacem... in diebus (canon)

A single system of musical notation with a treble and bass staff, key signature of one sharp (F#), and common time (C). The lyrics are: "Da pa-cem Do-mi-ne, da pa-cem O Chri-ste, in di-e-bus no-stris. (stris.) Da pa-cem Do-mi-ne, da pa-cem O Chri-ste, in di-e-bus no-". The score includes numbered circles (1, 2, 3, 4) indicating specific notes or measures.

(Gib Frieden, Herr, in unseren Tagen. / Donne la paix, Seigneur Christ, en notre temps. / Napjainkba adj békét ó, Krisztus Urunk. / Grant us peace, Lord, in our days. / Panie, Chryste, daj pokój naszym czasom. / Даруй, Господи, мир, даруй, Христе, мир во дни наши.)

11. Jésus le Christ (Christus, dein Licht)

Chris - tus, dein Licht ver - klärt uns - re Schat - ten, las - se nicht
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

zu, dass das Dun - kel zu uns spricht. Chris - tus, dein Licht, er - strahlt auf der
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té -

Er - de und du sagst uns: auch ihr seid das Licht. Chris - tus, dein
rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour. Jé - sus le

♩ **Lord Je-sus Christ**, your light shines with-in us. Let not my doubts or my dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je-sus Christ, your light shines with-in us. Let my heart al-ways wel-come your love. / **Je-zu, Tyś jest** świat-łość-cią mej du-szy. Niech ciem-ność ma nie prze-ma-wia do mnie już. Je-zu, Tyś jest świat-łość-cią mej du-szy. Daj mi moc przy-jąć dziś mi-łość Twą. / **І-сус Хрис-тос**, Ти світ-ло між на-ми, О, від-вер-ни нас від тем-ря-ви й стра-ху. І-сус Хрис-тос, Ти світ-ло між на-ми, Дай прий-ня-ти нам Тво-ю лю-бов.

12. Dođi, Duše Presveti (Tui amoris ignem)

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.
Do - di, Du - še Pre - sve - ti, za - pa - li pla - men lju - ba - vi svo - je.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Do - di, Du - še Pre - sve - ti, Do - di Du - še Pre - sve - ti.

♩ **Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us**, kin-dle in us the fire of your love. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us, Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. / **Śven-to-ji Dwa-sia a-teik**, tu sa-vo mei-lés ug-nj už-de-ki. Śven-to-ji Dwa-sia a-teik, Śven-to-ji Dwa-sia a-teik.

(Komm Heiliger Geist, entzünde das Feuer deiner Liebe. / Viens Saint-Esprit, allume le feu de ton amour. / Vieni, Spirito Santo, accendi il fuoco del tuo amore. / Przyjdź, Duchu Święty, rozpal ogień Twej miłości.)

13. Vieni Spirito creatore

Vie - ni Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni, vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

♫ **Come and pray in us**, Ho-ly Spir-it, come and pray in us, come and vis-it us, Ho-ly Spir-it, Spir-it, come, Spir-it, come. / **Geist der Zu-ver-sicht**, Quel-le des Tro-stes, komm und stár-ke uns, Geist der Hei-lig-keit, Quel-le der Frei-heit, Trö-ster Geist, Schöp-fer Geist.

14. Iedere nacht verlang ik

le - de - re nacht ver - lang ik naar u, o God, ik hun - kernaar u met heel mijnziel. le - de - re nacht ver - lang ik naar u, o God, ik hun - kernaar u met heel mijn ziel. le - de - re

♫ **Mit gan-zer See-le** su-che ich, Gott, nach dir, mein Geist ist voll Sehn-sucht in der Nacht. / **My spi-rit yearns** for you in the night, O God; I seek you, O Lord, with all my soul. / **Mi co-ra-zón te a-nhe-la** en la no-che, oh Dios; mi al-ma te bus-ca só-lo_a ti. / **Tes-knię za To-bą**, gdy w_mo-jej du-szy mrok, prag-nie-niem mym jest od-na-leżć Cię. / **Si-nu-a, Her-ra, yös-sä-ni i-kä-vöin**, ja vie-lä, kun aa-mu sa-ras-taa. / **U svo-joj no-ći**, tra-žim te, Bo-že moj, jer du-ša mi čez-ne za to-bom. / **Éj-sza-ka Jé-zus** só-ha-jom hoz-zád száll, a szí-vem is vá-gya-ko-zik rád. cf. Is 26, 9

15. Nada te turbe

Na - da te tur - be na - da te es - pan - te; quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. só - lo Dios bas - ta.

♫ **No-thing can trou-ble**, no-thing can frigh-ten. Those who seek God shall ne-ver go want-ing. God a-lone fills us. / **Już się nie le-kaj**, po-rzuc zmar-twie-nia. Bo-gu za-u-faj, nic ci nie gro-zí. Już się nie le-kaj, po-rzuc zmar-twie-nia. Bóg mi-toś-cią jest. (Nichts beunruhige dich, nichts ängstige dich: wer Gott hat, dem fehlt nichts. Gott allein genügt. / Que rien ne te trouble, que rien ne t'éffraie: Qui a Dieu ne manque de rien. Seul Dieu suffit. cf. Thérèse d'Ávila)

16. Zu wem solln wir gehen

Zu wem, zu wem solln wir ge-hen? O

Du hast Wor-te des e-wi-gen Le-bens. O

(To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. / ¿A quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. / Da chi andremo? Tu hai parole di vita eterna. / Do kogóż pójdziemy? Ty masz słowa życia wiecznego. / À qui irions-nous? Tu as les paroles qui donnent la vie éternelle. Jn 6, 68)

17. Przybądź, Duchu Boży

Przy-bądź, Du - chu Bo-ży, przy-bądź, Du - chu Świe - ty i

od-nów o-bli - cze zie - mi, i od-nów o-bli - cze zie - mi.

(Komm, Geist Gottes, komm, Heiliger Geist, und erneuere das Antlitz der Erde. / Vieni, Spirito di Dio, vieni, Spirito Santo, e rinnova la faccia della terra. / Come, Spirit of God, come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. / Viens, Esprit de Dieu, viens, Esprit Saint, et renouvelle la face de la terre. cf. Ps. 104, 30)

18. Jesus, remember me

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

🎵 **Je-zu, w kró-les-twie Twym** wspom-nij na swo-je-go słu-gę. / **Chri-sto, ri-cor-da-mi,** quan-do an-drai nel tu-o re-gno.

(Jesus, denk an mich, wenn du in dein Reich kommst. / Jésus, souviens-toi de moi quand tu viendras dans ton Royaume. Lc 23, 42)

19. Bóg jest miłością (Gott ist nur Liebe)

Bóg jest mi - łość - cią miej - cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łość - ci.
Gott ist nur Lie - be. Wagt, für die Lie - be al - les zu ge - ben.

Bóg jest mi - łość - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.
Gott ist nur Lie - be. Gebt euch oh - ne Furcht.

♪ **God is for-give-ness.** Dare to for-give and God will be with you. God is for-give-ness. Love and do not fear. / **Bog je lju-be-zen;** svo-je živ-lje-nje mu po-da-ri-te. Bog je lju-be-zen, nič ne boj-te se. / **Бог є лю-бов'-ю,** май-те від-ва-гу жи-ти в лю-бо-ві. Бог є лю-бов'-ю. Не ля-кай-те-ся.

20. Nun danket all und bringet Ehr

(Texte : Paul Gerhardt, cf. Si 50, 22-24)

1. Nun dan-ket all und brin-get Ehr, ihr Men-schen in der Welt,
2. Er - mun-tert euch und singt mit Schall Gott, un-serm höch-sten Gut,
3. der uns von Mut - ter - lei-be an frisch und ge - sund er - hält

dem, des-sen Lob der En-gel Heer im Him-mel stets ver - meldt.
der sei - ne Wun - der ü - ber-all und gro-ße Din - ge tut;
und, wo kein Mensch nicht hel-fen kann, sich selbst zum Hel - fer stellt;

4. der, ob wir ihn gleich hoch betrübt, /
doch bleibt guten Muts, /
die Straf erlässt, die Schuld vergibt /
und tut uns alles Guts.

6. Er lasse seinen Frieden ruhn /
auf jedem Volk und Land; /
er gebe Glück zu unserm Tun /
und Heil zu allem Stand.

5. Er gebe uns ein fröhlich Herz, /
erfrische Geist und Sinn /
und werf all Angst, Furcht, Sorg und Schmerz /
ins Meeres Tiefe hin.

7. Er lasse seine Lieb und Güt /
um, bei und mit uns gehn, /
was aber ängstet und bemüht, /
gar ferne von uns stehn.

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The Pilgrimage of Trust in 2023

Every week throughout the year

From Sunday to Sunday, international meetings of young adults at Taizé

Gathering of friendship between young Christians and Muslims

July 9-13, 2023

A few days of friendship between young adults of the two religions to share about our relationship to God and the way we pray.

Reflection week for those between 18 and 35 years old

August 20-27, 2023

Prayer in common, bible sharing, reflection in workshops and round tables led by presenters from Europe and elsewhere.

“Together” gathering

Saturday, September 30, 2023

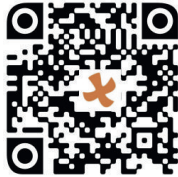
A gathering of the People of God: more information will be made public during the week of prayer for Christian unity, from January 18 to 25.

Next European meeting

from December 28, 2023 to January 1st, 2024

At Rostock, on the evening of December 30, Brother Alois will announce the name of the city that will welcome the 46th European meeting.

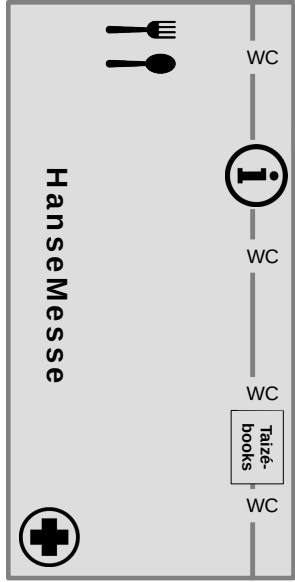
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