

Lament in the Style of Taize'

*Beforehand invite participants to have a boil of water available, a candle to light, kleenex, and an image or objects to create a worship table in their own homes.

The Taize' service is marked by moments of silence to reflect and pray after each scripture reading.

Service of Lament

Lament (a definition): n. a passionate expression of sorrow or grief; a song, hymn or poem of mourning v. to express sorrow, mourning, or regret aloud; to regret strongly

Prelude: Psalm 13 (chimes or quiet music meaningful to your setting)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_C1Sf47R68

Opening Word/Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:19-24

I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.

I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.

Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for God.

(moment of silence)

Welcome

Welcome to this service of lament, a time to express sorrow and grief, given to us in our faith tradition through the ages.

As Sarah lamented barrenness,

As Hagar lamented being cast out,

As Moses lamented for his people's oppression,

As Amos lamented the fall of his people from God's covenant,

As Jesus lamented over broken systems of religion and government,

We too cry, as we experience communal trauma

and share in our sorrow for God's people and all of creation.

We too gather, In light of uncertainty and fear caused by a global pandemic, we gather to lament

(time of silence)

Song:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (Taizé Community, J. Berthier)

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-2WZFf_uAc

Prayer of Lament: Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain[a] in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

(time of silence)

Song

Bless the Lord My Soul (Taizé Community)

Bless the Lord, my soul

And bless God's holy name

Bless the Lord, my soul

Who leads me into life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYLKrFOLS-E>

Intercession of Healing: Pastor/Leader(s) offer prayers related to COVID-19 from own congregation and community.

*Could invite prayers via chat box of the social media platform being used

Closing Prayer: Congregants are invited to say a closing prayer (i.e., the Lord's Prayer) according to their common worship tradition.

Blessing: Numbers 6:24-26

24 "The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Postlude: "Nada te turbe" (Nothing Can Trouble)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go1-BoDD7CI>

