

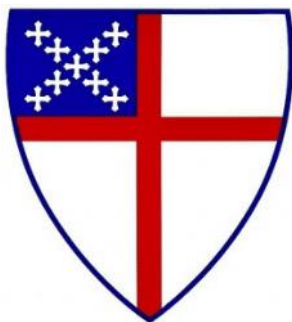


THE ANCHOR

SEPTEMBER 2021

St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
Communion**

PARISH MISSION:

*Follow Christ through the
way we live and love,
spreading the good news
of God in Christ, opening
our hearts to all, and
experience and spread
joy in the process.*



**“This Church of
Ours is Open To
All...There Will
Be No Outcasts.”**

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning *Emeritus*
Presiding Bishop



Taizé...

There is a community in France, called Taizé. If you've heard of Taizé, it is probably because you've heard music that has come from that place. Taizé music tends to be simple, repeating phrases, often recited in various languages. The music is reflective of the community itself, which is ecumenical and monastic, with brothers coming from some thirty countries around the world. As mentioned, this community is ecumenical, with the faithful coming from both Roman Catholic and Protestant backgrounds and living in harmony. Taizé itself was founded by Brother Roger, a Reformed Protestant monastic.

The ideals of Taizé are “kindness, simplicity, and reconciliation.”

What a vision! It is no wonder that this community attracts such interest and is particularly known for its appeal to young people, more than one hundred thousand of which make it a place of pilgrimage annually. There is something for me that is deeply satisfying about the chants that come out of Taizé, some of which have been sung to God in other forms for millennia. Regardless of what language the piece is in, generally it is easy to participate and sing along. Often the people's singing provides the rhythmic, almost mantra-like foundation, sometimes while a soloists or instrumentalists plays on top of the foundation once it gets going. This is a bit hard to describe but it is easy to identify when you hear it.

In all likelihood you've sung music from Taizé but perhaps didn't realize it. If you've been with us in Holy Week for example, you've surely sung the following:

Ubi caritas et amor

Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est¹

That is: “Where true charity and love abide, God is there.” This is a hymn you can keep in your heart wherever you go, and you might be amazed at how it shows up in circumstances when you really need it. This piece, of course, is in Latin, but there are plenty of modern languages sung at Taizé.

In 2015, Deutsche Grammophon released a compilation of music from Taizé. The languages included are: Latin, French, English, Italian, German, Spanish, and Church Slavonic.² That last one is particularly interesting. It is the language spoken in some Balkan and Russian Church communities. I only learned about it because someone once brought me a cross from Russia in box with an accompanying prayer. When I asked Russian speakers if they would please translate it, I was told that it was in “Church Slavonic” and that it was only spoken in the Church. The prayer on the box turned out to be a Prayer to the Holy Cross, that a kind person at the nearby Russian Orthodox Church was able to translate for me. But, I digress.

Back to Taizé. Even if your only language is English, as I say above, it is usually very easy to follow along. Often Taizé chants are based in scripture, either a verse from a Psalm, a paraphrase of a some passage (as in the example above, which is based on 1 Jn 4:7) or perhaps a phrase that Jesus himself spoke.



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For those who have ever attended our Maundy Thursday services, you'll recall singing:

*Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray watch and pray.*³

This, of course, is Jesus' instructions to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt 26:36-46). And when we sing it, isn't a kind of prayer. "Lord, let me stay here *with you*. Let me remain here *with you*. Let me watch, and let me pray *with you*."

Psalms, which are the Hebrew Bible's hymnal, are often sung at Taizé and with good reason. Psalms were meant to be sung. So, for example, you'll have this from Psalm 102:

*"O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r
Come and listen to me."*⁴

As well as this from Psalm 117:

*Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum
omnes gentes, Alleluia*⁵

That is: "Praise the Lord, all you peoples." How simple and yet both profound and comforting. How often have you looked upon creation and thought these words? "Praise the Lord, all you peoples!"

All of the above can be found in our supplemental hymnal, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. But, one of the most beautiful pieces that I've ever heard come out of Taizé, isn't found in any of our resources. The hymn is in French, and is admittedly slightly more difficult to sing than some Taizé piece. Nonetheless, listen to it here (by clicking [this link](#)) and let me know what you think. The words are:

*Jésus le Christ, lumière intérieure,
Ne laisse pas mes ténèbres me parler.
Jésus le Christ, lumière intérieure,
Donne-moi d'accueillir ton amour.*⁶

Here is my translation: "Jesus Christ, interior light, Don't let my darkness speak to me. Jesus Christ, interior light, Let my heart welcome your love." Oh, how often such a phrase could come in handy!

I hope you agree that such hymns to God come from a heart overwhelmed by Christ' love. And that was certainly true of Brother Roger and of the community he founded in 1940 at Taizé. Before that founding, the good brother (along with his sister) hid refugees "both Jewish and Christian" during World War II, until the Gestapo learned what they were doing.⁷ Sadly, in 2005, a woman suffering from mental illness assassinated Br. Roger, stabbing him several times at the service of Evening Prayer. She was apprehended. At the funeral service for Br. Roger, the brother who would succeed him as prior prayed this: "With Christ on the cross we say to you, Father, forgive her, she does not know what she did!"⁸ This is the very prayer Jesus prays for the soldiers who are at that moment nailing him to the cross (Lk 23:34). I believe that Br. Roger and his community embody that kind of love. And their contribution to the Church of their music, prayer and commitment to Christ is a real blessing that continues to this day.

As always, I welcome your feedback: frpatrick@scbythesea.org

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Patrick

1. *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (New York: Church Publishing, 1997) # 831
2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiz%C3%A9_-_Music_of_Unity_and_Peace
3. *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (New York: Church Publishing, 1997) # 826
4. Ibid. # 827
5. Ibid. # 829
6. <https://globalworship.tumblr.com/post/162767874225/taiz%C3%A9-jesus-le-christ-french-english-spanish>
7. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brother_Roger
8. Ibid.

The Choir Returns!

by Larry Gates, Music Director

I'm so very happy to announce that our beautiful chancel choir returns to bless our services starting on September 12 after 18-month hiatus due to the pandemic. It will be a joyous return! The choir adds so much to the leadership of our beloved hymns as well as a fullness and beauty to the music and service overall. (It also means that I don't have to hold the organ back as much, either. Ha-ha!)

The choir has been gradually re-gathering starting back in May with a "bring your own lunch" get-together on the church patio. It was wonderful to re-connect with fellow choir members under the pergola that had just been installed prior to the pandemic. The beautiful new landscaping designed by Matt Hawblitzel and his crew of church members was admired by all in attendance and provided a lovely space for an afternoon lunch.

In mid-August, the choir began meeting in the parish hall to commence rehearsing in preparation for our September 12 debut. The purpose of the rehearsals has not only been to study, learn and prepare anthems for the services but also to dust-off our proverbial vocal "cobwebs" that have accumulated during the pandemic. We have been rehearsing with each singer masked and distanced. Singing with a mask can be a bit of a challenge. So, we've been experimenting with a few different types and identifying those that work better for us.



Choir lunch—May 2021



Choir members before service—May 2019

At the September 12 service, you will notice the choir seated in a new configuration. The purpose of the new seating/standing arrangement is to minimize as much as is possible the spread of COVID-19 while preserving the beautiful sound of the choir. In that spirit, the choir will remain stationary in those positions during the service.

In the story of our Savior's birth the scriptures tell us that "... suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'" Choirs are

sent to us by God to announce His word and proclaim His glory. It will indeed be a blessing to have our "heavenly host" back with us in our services at St. Clements!

Yours in Christ.



St. Clement's will be holding a Ministry Fair on

Sunday September 12th right after the 9 o'clock service.

Here is your chance to:

- **Connect-** connect with your fellow parishioners while serving the Lord. Help yourself discover where you fit into the world around you.
- **Grow** - grow in your personal life of faith.
- **Serve-** serve others and enrich your own life as well as theirs!

Please plan on attending even if you usually go to service on Saturday night or if you go to the 11:00 Spanish service on Sundays. Just show up around 10 o'clock for a chance to discover all of the ministry opportunities that St. Clement's has to offer as well as fellowshiping with all your church friends that you haven't seen in a while!

Founders Day Save the Date!

September 26th
10am

*Come home
to*

*St. Clement's
and celebrate with us our*

92nd Year!

Join us for our wonderful, catered brunch
and entertainment under the pergola.



August 27th was bowling night at Saddleback Lanes for more than 15 members and friends of St. Clement's. A great time was had by all including a lot of first-time bowlers and a couple of ringers. Who knew that Father Patrick was such a good bowler?

Come and See!

Current participants say that Covenant Groups have helped them:

- Experience support and compassion through the pandemic
- See faith through other's experience
- Understand the weekly scripture better
- Make new friends and find deeper connections
- And so much more...



Currently, the four groups below meet weekly for Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer. The Friday 11AM women's group meets in person. The other groups currently meet on zoom. ALL ARE OPEN TO NEW PEOPLE.

For more information or the Zoom link to join in, contact:

WOMEN: Mondays, 7PM on zoom, Laura Casellas: Laura.casellas@yahoo.com (203)451-7598

WOMEN: Fridays, 11AM in person, Hilary Viscount: hviscount@gmail.com (714)932-2210

MEN: Wednesdays, 7PM on zoom, Beto Casellas: betolaura@mac.com (704)661-6994

CO-ED: Thursdays, 7PM on zoom, Ken and Laurie Baxter: kbaxter@choc.org (630-674-5017)

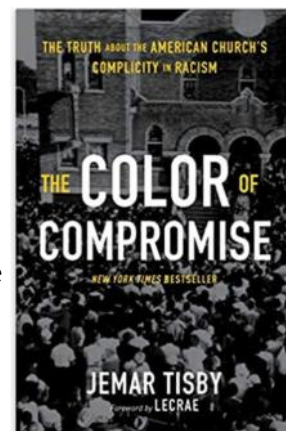
The Social Justice Book Club

Thursday, September 16
7PM on Zoom

We will continue our discussion of the book *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*, by Jemar Tisby. We will be focusing on the array of practical action items in Chapter 11.

We suggest also viewing interviews of the author, Jemar Tisby, on YouTube which can give us more background thinking and the language and commitment to increase our awareness and capacity to create change in racial justice. These interviews can be found by a google search of the author.

Additionally, we will also have reviewed this website and the potential for opening these conversations in our church community: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>



Our group reads and discusses books about social justice topics to gain a better understanding of what is happening in our community and country so that we might live lives that better reflect the love of Christ and his compassion for the poor, the stranger, the captive and the oppressed.

Contact Laura Casellas (Laura.casellas@yahoo.com) or Francis Viscount (fviscount@gmail.com) for the zoom link.



Anchors Potluck

September 10th

5:00 pm

Enjoy a late summer evening of food and fellowship at Rose Bradley's home in San Clemente.

We are happy to announce that Rose Bradley has generously offered to host our second Anchors Dinner of 2021.

DATE: Friday, September 10, 2021

TIME: 5 p.m.

PLACE: Rose Bradley's home, 2400 Calle Capri, San Clemente, CA

Hostess requests that all attendees be fully vaccinated, please.

As usual, B.Y.O.B.

R.S.V.P. on Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-september>

Last Names G-O--appetizers

Last Names P-U--Entrees

Last Names V-Z--Salads and Side Dishes

Last Names A-F--Desserts



Please sign up to be a coffee hour host in September. This is such an easy ministry but is so important. Coffee hour is about so much more than coffee. It is about fellowship, and strengthens our connection as a community. Many relationships have been made at our coffee hours. And for many it was the thing that made them feel part of the family at our parish. It's so important, and fun!

Please sign up today: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-coffee>

All hosts must wear a mask and gloves while preparing and serving the food.



Vestry Meetings
Tuesday, September 21st
7:00 pm



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00 AM – 8:00 PM OUTLETS AT SAN CLEMENTE

TICKETS \$35

This year, because both Laundry Love and San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO) are both part of our St. Clement's Outreach Ministry, you can select which organization you wish to support when you purchase your tickets.

HOW DO LAUNDRY LOVE AND SCMFO GET MONEY?

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION YOU SELECT

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR REGISTRATION

- Exclusive discounts at participating San Clement Outlet Stores
- Private Box Lunch with outdoor seating in the Oak Creek Courtyard
- 2 tickets to enter prize drawings for discounts from outlet mall stores (\$45,000 in gift cards will be given away.)
- Wine & cocktail tasting in the VIP Lounge
- Entertainment
- Swag bags

HOW TO SIGN UP

- STEP 1: Log into ShopOSC.com/ShopEx
- STEP 2: Scroll down to the list of charities participating in the event.
- STEP 3: Scroll down to select "SAN CLEMENTE MILITARY FAMILY OUTREACH" **OR** "LAUNDRY LOVE SAN CLEMENTE" as your charity.
- STEP 4: Click on the box, and select the number of tickets you wish to purchase.
- STEP 5: A summary of your order will appear on the right side of the page.
- STEP 6: Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "CHECK OUT"
- STEP 7: Complete the "Contact" and "Payment Information"
- STEP 8: Click on the "PLACE ORDER" box.
- STEP 9: You will be able to print your registration.
- STEP 10: Take your registration with you on October 9 to the San Clemente Outlet Malls

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Registration 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. You must arrive by 1:00 pm to pick up your tickets.
- Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Prize Drawings: noon, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm
- Prize Drawing Winners Information Available: 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm
- VIP wine tastings: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- All day shopping 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

This is a perfect event to invite friends and family, and a wonderful opportunity to get some early holiday shopping done at a discount.



Bible Studies



We will resume our weekly Bible Studies on Wednesday,
September 8 at 11am.

Join us in person or by Zoom. You need not be a biblical scholar to participate. Just come with a desire to learn more.

Here is the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765551451?
pwd=UXdNYUxtT29FNUIYR0lkNFdPQmxqdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765551451?pwd=UXdNYUxtT29FNUIYR0lkNFdPQmxqdz09)

Meeting ID: 847 6555 1451

Passcode: 823922



Glorifying God's House With Flowers

We still have opportunities for altar flower dedications. Birthdays, anniversaries, and memories of loved ones are often events folks like to commemorate.

You may sign up on Sundays on the Flower Offering poster, or contact the office during the week. Donation and dedication envelopes are available on the poster board and at the church office. You may also mail your donation and dedication request to the church. Please include your name, phone number, pledge number, the date you wish the dedication to be acknowledged, and the sentiment to be published. The minimum suggested donation is \$55.00.

Thank you for adding to the beauty of worship at St. Clement's.

Katrina Soto, *Altar Guild*



Sunday School Resumes September 19th

Sunday School is resuming September 19th at 9 o'clock! Sunday School will be held in the Sunday School room which is in the same building as the Parish Hall. Just walk down the hall and turn left. Sunday School is prepared for children in grades K-5. Nursery is also available for younger children at the same time. The Nursery is right across the hall from the Sunday School room.

If you have a child or grandchild that would like to attend Sunday School, you can sign them up at the Sunday School booth at the Ministry Fair on Sunday September 12th (after the 9:00 service) or call the church office at (949) 492-3401 to register them. Sign up is requested so we have an idea how many kids to expect. Of course, drop - ins are always welcome!

Don't forget about your neighbors and friends with Sunday School aged children. If your neighbors or friends are interested in having their child attend Sunday School, share an invitation with them! Please encourage them to call the church office to register or invite them to Church and the Ministry Fair!

We will begin the year with all grades (K-5) in one room. As attendance increases, we will add other classes as needed. Our curriculum is Lectionary based. Sunday School lessons will be the same reading(s) the adults are hearing during the Church service. Class will end around the same time that we are passing the Peace and/or doing the announcements in the service. Children will return to the Nave and be delivered to their parents. This way children can participate in Communion as a family.

For consistency for your child, Laurie Baxter will be the coordinating teacher each week. Other volunteers will also assist each week. The volunteers who work with St. Clement's children have completed the Safe Church Course training and are also experienced in working in children's ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Baxter by phone, text or email.

Lbaxter1222@yahoo.com

(630) 674-3732



San Clemente Military Family Outreach 2021 Annual Fundraiser

This year, the annual San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO) fundraiser will take place as an online auction and at our annual dinner/silent auction. In 2020, we canceled our annual in person event and turned our silent auction fundraiser into an on-line event. Thanks to the generous support of people like you, it was our best silent auction ever! Because it was so successful, we are again offering our silent auction on line in addition to our in-person dinner with silent & live auctions.

SCMFO is an all-volunteer organization. No board members, volunteers or staff are paid. 100% of our donations are used to help our military families with emergency assistance for food, children's clothing, diapers, car repairs, dental care and assistance items for children with special needs. We also sponsor morale events throughout the year for our military families who sacrifice so much for us on our behalf.

Won't you please join us at these very important events to support our military families?

ON LINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 23 – 29, 2021

HOW TO JOIN THE AUCTION

- ◆ There are no fees to join the auction
- ◆ Create an account for the online auction at 32auctions.com/SCMFOauction
- ◆ No credit card is required and there is no obligation to bid.
- ◆ Bidding runs from October 23-29

SALUTE TO MILITARY STARS FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION OCTOBER 29, 2021 – 6:00 PM EL ADOBE RESTAURANT, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

- ◆ Social Hour & Dinner
- ◆ Recognition of Military Honorees
- ◆ Emcee – Ron Ruhman, The Clean Comedian
- ◆ Silent & Live Auctions (items will be different from those on the on line auction)

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- ◆ Contact Mark Pocino at 818.317.8607 or mcpocino@gmail.com
- ◆ Contact Tina Inglish at 949.285.9576 or ringlish@cox.net
- ◆ Register on line at militaryfamilyoutreach.com and select the fall fundraiser tab at the top of the page

- September Birthdays -

9/2-	Richard Suda
9/4-	Mike Marcu
9/8-	Sherilee Pocino
9/9-	Mark Williams
9/12-	Fatima Delgado
9/14-	Diane Beneker
9/18-	Forrest Wilson
9/20-	Bart Ashbaugh
9/21-	Kenneth Holcomb
9/23-	Lina Hernandez Garcia
9/23-	Michael Morris
9/23-	Joyce Stewart
9/24-	Terry Harbison-Moore
9/27-	Fred Robinson
9/28-	Max Wallett

- September Anniversaries -



9/7-	Claus & Diane Beneker	9/14-	Fred & Joyce Stewart
9/8-	Duggan & Deborah Neville	9/20-	Julia & Cathy Darden-Lentz
9/12-	Mike & Rebecca Marcu	9/23-	Frank & Katrina Soto
9/13-	Mark & Karen Williams		

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WEEKEND WORSHIP

5pm Saturday: Outdoor, casual
9am Sunday: Holy Communion Rite II
11am Sunday: La Misa en Español
as well as streaming on YouTube channel

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OFFICE HOURS

Vary during these times.

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