

SECTION I

Meditative(默想式) singing

(paragraph 1)

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worships(崇拜主要元素). Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character(性質). Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith(信仰事實), quickly grasped(吸收) by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates(滲透) the whole being(整個人). Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

(paragraph 2)

To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse(一瞥) of “heaven’s joy on earth,” as Eastern Christians put it. And an inner life begins to blossom within us.

(paragraph 3)

These songs also sustain(支持) personal prayer. Through them, little by little, our being finds and inner unity in God. They can continue in the silence of our hearts when we are at work, speaking with others or resting. In this way prayer and daily life are united. They allow us to keep on praying even when we are unaware of it, in the silence of our hearts.

(paragraph 4)

The “songs of Taize” published in different languages are simple, but preparation is required to use them in prayer.

(from <http://www.taize.fr>)

SECTION II

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.

The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,
And joy in the Holy Spirit,
Come Lord and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.

Holy Spirit, come to us
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit, come to us.

Heavens, sing with gladness
Heavens, sing with gladness,
Earth, sing out rejoicing,
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Jesus your Light

Jesus your light is shining within us,
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Jesus your light is shining within us,
Let my heart always welcome your love.

(Student Handbook, P.8)

Name : _____ Class (No.) : _____ ()

Fill the correct answer box with a pencil. Some questions may have more than 1 correct answer. Return this answer sheet to your form-master who should drop them in the box placed at School Office **TODAY**.

SECTION I : Passage

Paragraph 1

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| 1. The Taize type of hymn is a kind of
A) foreign invasion. B) essential element. C) meditative singing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The mind can grasp the content of the song quickly because
A) the song is short. B) the song expresses a basic reality of faith.
C) the song is sung again and again. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. When the whole being is penetrated by the reality of faith,
A) singing of Taize hymns becomes a way of listening to God.
B) we tend to ask for many things. C) we fall asleep. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Paragraph 2

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| 4. The Eastern Christians think that
A) people united in singing Taize hymns can give us a glimpse of “heaven’s joy on earth”.
B) our inner life is a blossom. C) the gates of trust in God is to be replaced. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Paragraph 3

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| 5. If we always sing Taize hymns
A) our being finds an inner unity in God.
B) the songs go on in the silence of our hearts when we are at work or resting.
C) our prayer and daily life are united. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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SECTION II : Taize hymns (P.8 Students Handbook) sung in CHECSS this year.

Bless the Lord

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| 6. The meaning of ‘bless’ here is
A) praise. B) make holy. C) make small. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The Kingdom of God

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| 7. ‘Open in us the gates of your Kingdom’ means
A) try ‘The Kingdom’ video game. B) let justice & peace enter our heart.
C) enjoy cheap happiness. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Holy Spirit, come to us

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| 8. ‘Kindle’ here means
A) take away. B) put down. C) light up. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Heavens, sing with gladness

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| 9. Why should heavens sing with gladness? It is because
A) Earth, sing out rejoicing. B) Heaven and Earth are partners.
C) Jesus Christ has risen from death. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Jesus your Light

10. Do you have doubts and darkness? _____
What are they? _____

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| 11. Which of the following are appealing to our heart / soul / feeling / inner self?
A) Holy Spirit, come to us B) The Kingdom of God C) Jesus Your Light | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 12. Why is singing Taize hymns group under Major Concern 2 – Healthy Life Scheme? It is because
A) singing hymn dose not belong to Major Concern 1, which centres on academic affairs.
B) singing hymn dose not belong to Major Concern 3, which centres on applying for a new school site.
C) a healthy life should include the spirit, not just the physical body. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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SECTION III : Opinions gathering

13. Rank the Taize hymns that you like from 1 (like most) to 5 (like least).
 Bless the Lord The Kingdom of God Holy Spirit, come to us Heavens, sing with gladness
 Jesus, your light

14. Rank the mode of morning prayer that you like from 1 (like most) to 3 (like least).
 singing(Monday & Wednesday) prayer led by teachers(Tuesday & Friday)
 prayer led by students(Thursday)