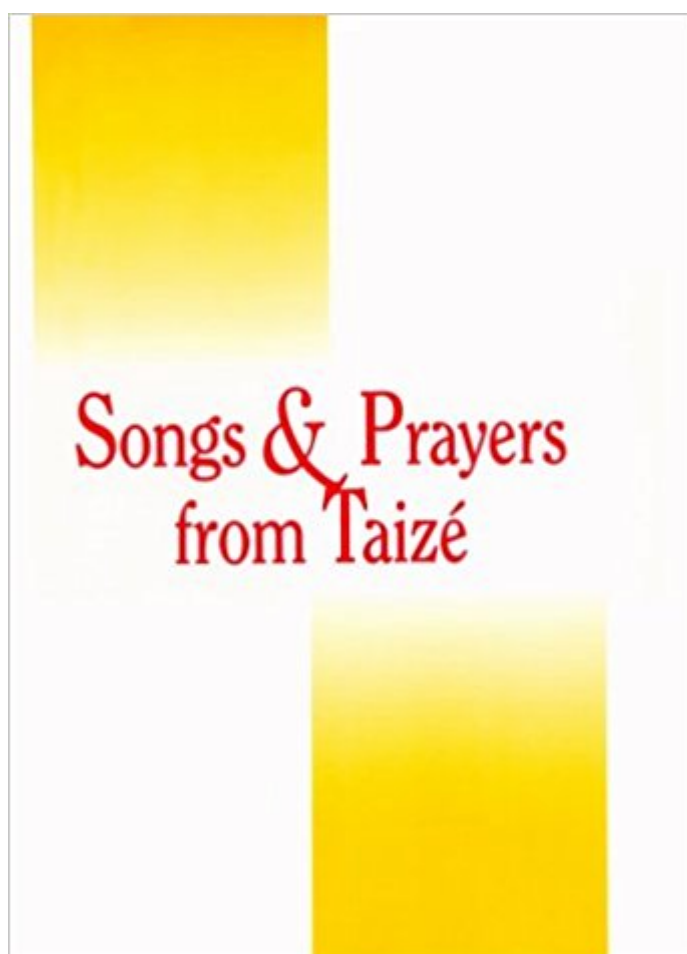


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OK - I say this is one of the best Taize books because I'm not only a singer, but also a pianist, guitarist, harmonist, percussionist, improvisationalist, etc, and yes -- I do read music. I appreciate that this book has a *very* good balance of elements for musicians of different persuasions (although not so much for percussionists). What I especially like about this book is that it has a good variety of Taize songs set out clearly in melody, chords, and parts for other instruments (or descant/cantor/etc.) What I DON'T like, however, is that some of the "other" parts, for example Cantor verses, do not have the chords listed above them; only the melodic lines themselves. While this may be just fine if you have a sizable choir plus dedicated Cantor and instrumentalists -- and then everyone can just look at their own individual part -- in a small church like mine (where I'm the Cantor + Director of Music + pianist), it would be helpful for me to have at least some chordal hint as to the accompaniment printed along with the Cantor (or other) part. Not a huge deal, as I can write in the chords and still achieve my needed goal, but it would be nice if it had already been anticipated, and provided, in this particular publication. But, overall, this is the best Taize book I've seen so far, for my somewhat multi-faceted needs. So, I still give it five stars. (Partly because 4-1/2 stars wasn't a choice from !)

Would have given 5 stars, but for something I thought was new I was a little disappointed. The front cover had a small crinkle mark and the back cover had either a dirt or pencil smudge, which I thought was strange for a "new" product. However, the inside pages (which is probably what's most important) were clean and mark free. So 5 stars for the inner content, but 4 for the questionable exterior condition of the front and back covers.

This is a wonderful book filled with so many great songs. It has sheet music for accompanying musician. It includes verses to some songs that you CAN NOT find in any other book currently for sale. It's printed in a large format that's easily read, even in low light. The publisher stopped production of this book and split the songs up among several "new" books. When I tried to buy this book from the publisher, they first denied it's existence, but finally said they'd sell me a book for MUCH more than what sells it for??? If you utilize the wonderful music of the Taize' community at any time, get one of these before they're gone for good.

The larger portion of the music included in the book seems like it will be usable even though all the instruments for which parts are included aren't available to me. Taize worship is not something my church does on a regular basis, but on those occasions when we do have a Taize service, the book will be a valuable asset.

Extremely useful for flexible ensembles; this is beautiful music, arranged well.

I feel I didn't really need all the detailed and various accompaniments supplied within this book. Having heard CDs of Taize music, some of the popular ones have been omitted in the book, but at least they were set in the same key. I have yet to make full use of this book. It is early days.

Beautiful songs and ostinato refrains great for a taize prayer service, or performing as a meditational piece post-Eucharist. There are also flute parts included in the book and it is full of song choices.

It's an essential book for our medium-sized church in its inter-denominational Taize service. Glad more copies were available.

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