

## **In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful**

A favorite Advent hymn is “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful,” which is from the ecumenical monastic community at Taize, France. It is meant for contemplative, repeated singing. I first heard this at Montreat, which is a very special place for our church family. This music, simple but lovely, spoke to me particularly in this beautiful setting. It brought to me a peace and a feeling of nearness to God. Each phrase is for me, in this time of world crisis, a balm for my soul, especially the last phrase, “Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.” This is especially fitting for Advent.

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