

Intercessions

That all God's people may know themselves to be his beloved children and worship him in spirit and truth,

We pray to the Lord

That the church may rediscover that unity which is the Father's will and for which Jesus prays,

We pray to the Lord

That the nations of the earth would seek peace and understanding rather than selfish advantage,

We pray to the Lord

That, in this new year, we would each have time and opportunity to learn more about what it means to acknowledge Christ as King in our own lives,

We pray to the Lord

Chant 23 : Laudate omnes gentes

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

Jesus, joy of our hearts, when the desire to fulfil what you expect of us comes welling up inside us, we understand that you invite us to love, just as you love us.

Silence

Chant 2 : Wait for the Lord

We leave in silence.

Please allow those who wish to do so to continue to pray undisturbed.

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Taizé Prayer 82 (49) 3rd January 2016

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome! Please feel free to sit quietly or to join in as you feel most comfortable. We will be following a pattern based on the worship of the Taizé Community, one of whose aims has always been to make Christian worship as simple and uncluttered as possible.

Taizé is a small village in eastern France. For almost 70 years, it has been the home of a Christian monastic community made up of brothers from many different countries, speaking many different languages and, uniquely, belonging to several different Christian denominations. Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, Orthodox and others live and pray together, share a simple life and welcome the tens of thousands of visitors who come to spend time with them every year from all over the world.

The numbers refer to the orange booklet of Taizé Chants which you received as you joined us. This symbol ♪ indicates that we sing the English translation provided alongside the music.



Opening Silence

For Silent Reflection

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the Magi: that we too may be led into your presence to worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever.

Let all who are thirsty come

(Songs from Taizé 2011-2012)

***Let all who are thirsty come,
Let all who wish receive
the water of life freely.
Amen, come Lord Jesus! (x2)***

From Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Silence

In the silence, we call to mind our sins and reflect on the Psalm. Then, trusting in God, who has made His salvation known, the righteous judge, we sing...

Chant 9 : Jésus le Christ ♪

***Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.***

From Isaiah chapter 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Silence

Chant 32 : Mon âme se repose ♪

A reading from John chapter 2

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Chant 18 : Confitemini Domino

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

"The transformation from water to wine is of course meant by John to signify the effect that Jesus can have, can still have today, on people's lives. He came, as he says later, that we might have life in all its fullness. You might want to pray through this story with your own failures and disappointments in mind, remembering that transformation only came when someone took

Mary's words seriously:
'Do whatever he tells you.'"

Tom Wright, *John for Everyone*

Chant 12 : De nocte ♪

Silence