

*O Christ, Son of God, you were before the world began, and you came to earth to save us all. Make us witnesses of this Good News. **Kyrie eleison...***

*Sun of justice, you shone at the Father's side and illuminated the universe. Give light to all who dwell in the darkness of sickness, depression, hopelessness or grief. **Kyrie eleison...***

*You became a little child and were laid in a manger. Renew in us the simplicity of childhood. **Kyrie eleison...***

*King of glory, you accepted such an inconceivable humbling. Give us hearts which are poor. **Kyrie eleison...***

*Jesus, you showed us the way of obedience. Help us to surrender to you, that your will may be done in us. **Kyrie eleison...***

Chant 142 : Exaudi orationem meam

***Your love embraces me and sustains me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, let my cry come to you.  
You dwell in light eternal, living God,  
Everlasting, merciful.***

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

*God of mercy, when we understand that nothing can separate us from you, trust in you opens for us the road that leads upward towards a peace-filled joy.*

Silence

Chant 141 : Bleib mit deiner Gnade ♪

We leave in silence.  
*Please allow those who wish to do so to continue to pray undisturbed.*

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## Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for the Sunday before Lent

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***

“We should never forget that God created us to be joyful worshippers, but sin drew us into everything else but worship. Then in God's love and mercy in Christ Jesus, we were restored into the fellowship of the Godhead through the miracle of the new birth. ‘You have been forgiven and restored,’ God reminds us. ‘I am your Creator and Redeemer and Lord and I delight in your worship.’”

A.W.Tozer, *Whatever Happened to Worship?*

Chant 56 : Sanctum nomen Domini  
Sung in Latin

***sanctum nomen – the holy name  
domini – of the Lord  
magnificat anima mea – my soul praises***

From Psalm 89

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established*

*your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings? In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you. [...] Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength.*

## Silence

In the silence, we call to mind our sins and reflect on the Psalm. Then, trusting in God, we sing...

## Chant 140 : Il Signore ti ristora

***You restore me and embrace me.  
Never will you reject me.  
In your love, you run with joy to meet me.  
Lord, you always seek me.***

## From Exodus chapter 3

*Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.*

## Silence

## Chant 113 : God is Forgiveness

## A reading from St John's Gospel ch. 12

*Speaking in Jerusalem, just before his Crucifixion, Jesus said, "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."*

*He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. [...] Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light."*

## Chant 17 : El Senyor ♪

## Long Silence

### *Food for Thought in the Silence*

"We are neither big nor small but what we are in the eyes of God, and as long as we surrender ourselves totally then God can use us without consulting us. We like to be consulted but letting him use us without consultation is very good for us. We must accept emptiness, accept being broken in pieces, accept success or failure."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

## Silence

## Intercessions

Between each prayer, we sing

## Chant 89