

Silence

Intercessions

*Lord Jesus, you are the fulfilment of the law and the prophets of Israel and in you the hopes and fears of all people are met. Inspire your church with a renewed vision of your glory so that we and all your people may walk as children of light and, by your grace, reveal your presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

As we go about our daily lives this week help us to see your glory in the people we meet and in all of creation. As we encounter you in others, give us greater reverence for your presence in them.

*Enable us to hear you speaking through the beauty of the world which you have given us to care for. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for those who cannot, for now, see beyond the struggles of this life to the joy beyond; for those struggling with depression or living with serious illness; for the bereaved, the lonely and the unloved. We bring them to you in trust and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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Chant 20 : Adoramus te Christe

We sing, in Latin, "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your cross, you have redeemed the world."

A prayer by Brother Alois, Prior of the
Taizé Community

Christ Jesus, on the day of the Transfiguration we discover that if there are areas of shadow in us, there is above all in our hearts an inner light, placed there by the Holy Spirit.

Chant 141 : Bleib mit deiner Gnade ♪

We leave in silence.

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Taizé Prayer 98 6th August 2017

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

'The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?*

[...]

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs,
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright
wings.'

(*Why do people not heed his divine authority?)

Gerard Manley Hopkins : *God's Grandeur*

Chant 14 : Tui amoris ignem ♪

From Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and

justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. [...] For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

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We bring to mind our sins. Then, entrusting ourselves to God, who guards the lives of his faithful, we sing...

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

The original Spanish words of this chant, part of a poem by Saint Teresa of Avila, mean "Let nothing trouble or frighten you. God alone is enough".

From Exodus chapter 24

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. [...] Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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Chant 125 : Christe Lux Mundi

From Luke chapter 9

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and

went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Chant 18 : Confitemini Domino

We sing, in Latin, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good".

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

“What we have here is what is called a “theophany,” a manifestation of God. It is revelation, first of all, of the divinity of Christ. What the Creed says about him could be viewed as a commentary on this very episode: “God from God, light from light, true God from true God.” [...] The five senses are wonderful gifts from God. But they are limited nonetheless. Often we make the mistake of thinking that reality is nothing more than what our senses perceive it to be. So God gives us occasional mountaintop experiences, glimpses into realities that our senses can’t normally detect. [...] Even though it’s much easier to forget such things and live according to what everybody can see, faith is remembering such moments of revelation and building our lives upon them.”

Dr Marcellino d'Ambrosio

Reflection for the Feast of the Transfiguration

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.***