# A Taizé Liturgy



on the Tuesday of Holy Week

12 APRIL 2022

## The Community and Spirituality of Taizé



"Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with men determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything."

Brother Roger

Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

The brothers of the community live solely by their work. They do not accept donations. In the same way, they do not accept personal inheritances for themselves; the community gives them to the very poor.

Certain brothers live in some of the disadvantaged places in the world, to be witnesses of peace there, alongside people who are suffering. These small groups of brothers, in Asia, Africa and South America, share the living conditions of the people around them. They strive to be a presence of love among the very poor, street children, prisoners, the dying, and those who are wounded by broken relationships, or who have been abandoned.

Over the years, people of all ages have been coming to Taizé in ever greater numbers; they come from every continent to take part in weekly meetings.

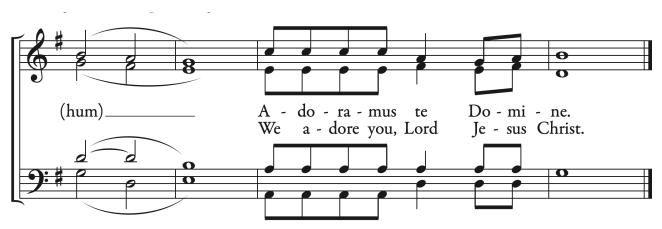
"So, renouncing from now on all thought of looking back, and joyful with boundless gratitude, never fear to run ahead of the dawn, to praise, and bless, and sing Christ your Lord."

> Receive me, Lord Christ, and I shall live; may my hope be a source of joy.

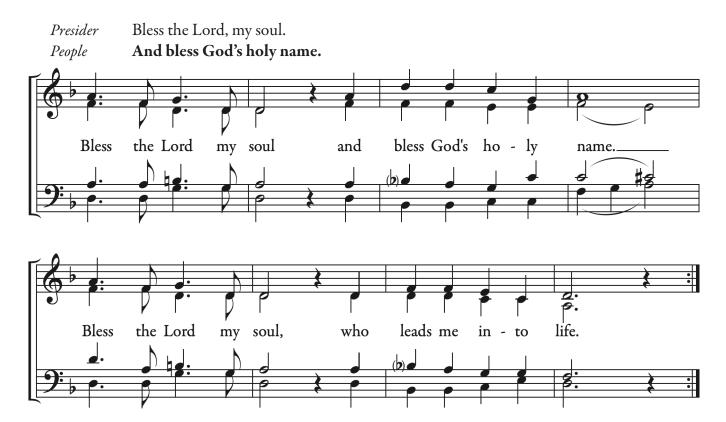


## **Opening Song**

Adoramus te Domine



## **Opening Acclamation**



#### Kyrie eleison

#### Lord have mercy



Silence

## **Opening Acclamation**

Presider The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### First Reading

read by Tom Tully

Lector Let us mark in holy scripture the good news of God for our lives and for the world.

A reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 1:18–31)

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. It is written in scripture: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent. Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Look at your situation when you were called, brothers and sisters! By ordinary human standards not many were wise, not many were powerful, not many were from the upper class. But God chose what the world considers foolish to shame the wise. God chose what the world considers weak to shame the strong. And God chose what the world considers low-class and low-life—what is considered to be nothing—to reduce what is considered to be something to nothing. So no human being can brag in God's presence. It is because of God that

you are in Christ Jesus. He became wisdom from God for us. This means that he made us righteous and holy, and he delivered us. This is consistent with what was written: The one who brags should brag in the Lord!

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

## Song of Praise





Psalm 71:1-14

I've taken refuge in you, Lord.

Don't let me ever be put to shame.

Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness.

Bend your ear toward me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge

where I can always escape.

You commanded that my life be saved

because you are my rock and my fortress.

My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked;

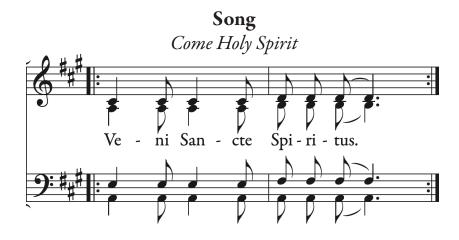
rescue me from the grip of the wrongdoer and the oppressor

because you are my hope, Lord.

You, Lord, are the one I've trusted since childhood.

(The psalm continues overleaf.)

I've depended on you from birth you cut the cord when I came from my mother's womb. My praise is always about you. I've become an example to many people because you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, glorifying you all day long. Don't cast me off in old age. Don't abandon me when my strength is used up! Yes, my enemies have been talking about me; those who stalk me plot together: "God has abandoned him!



## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (John 12:20–36) Presider People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me. "Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him." Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (He said this to show how he was going to die.) The crowd responded, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Human One must be lifted up? Who is this Human One?" Jesus replied, "The light is with you for only a little while. Walk while you have the light so that darkness doesn't overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness don't know where they are going. As long as you have the light, believe in the light so that you might become people whose lives are determined by the light." After Jesus said these things, he went away and hid from them.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you Lord Christ.

#### The Message

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Silence

#### Prayers of the People

The People's response is sung.

Christ Jesus, sent by God to reveal his love to all human beings, we pray to you. Leader





Leader Christ Jesus, until your last breath you cared for others and you gave your life love, we pray to you.

People O Lord, hear my prayer.... (sung)

Leader Christ Jesus, everyone will recognize us as your friends when we love each other, we pray to you..

O Lord, hear my prayer.... (sung) People

Leader Christ Jesus, everyone will recognize us as your friends when we love each other, we pray to you.

People O Lord, hear my prayer... (sung)

Leader Christ Jesus, our own destiny is rooted in communion with you, we pray to you.

People O Lord, hear my prayer... (sung)

(The prayers continue overleaf.)

Leader Christ Jesus, we pray for one another, for those in the military, for first-responders,

and for the Church universal.

People O Lord, hear my prayer.... (sung)

Leader Christ Jesus, in you we become brothers and sisters for each other. Make us grow in

peace and reconciliation. We pray to you.

People O Lord, hear my prayer.... (sung)

#### The Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves and you. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

#### The Absolution

Presider God forgives you.

> Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

People Amen

#### The Peace

Presider

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen

Silence



peace I give to

you.

## **Prayer of Blessing**

Presider Let us pray for God's blessing for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

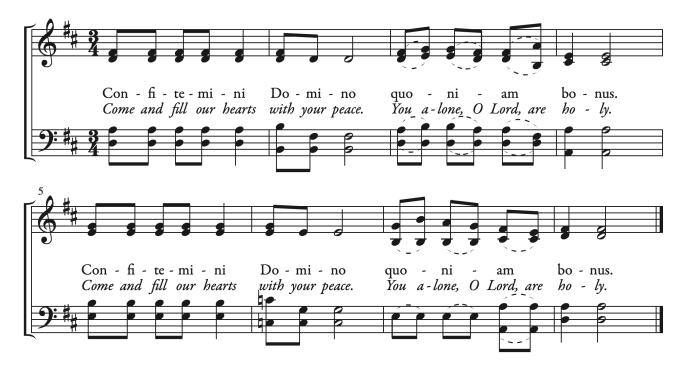
free from fear. My

Presider and People

Let your hearts be

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song Confitemini Domino



#### The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

#### The Blessing

Presider The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty

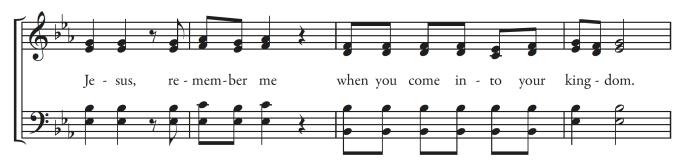
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

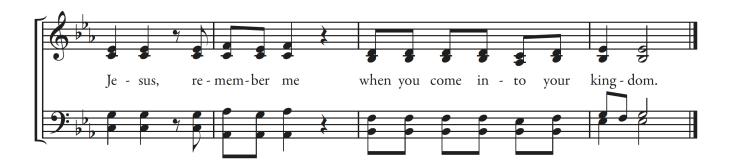
be with you now and evermore.

People Amen

## Song of Praise

Jesus, remember me





Silence is kept as the People depart.

You are invited to observe a time of reflection or prayer before departing.

Offering plates are located at the doors.

## HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES

#### **MON.- FRI., APRIL 11-15**

- •SJDS CLOSED -EASTER BREAK
- •MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

#### MONDAY, APRIL 11

- VESTRY MEETING
  5:15 PM | Bishop Wright Room or Zoom
- •FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | Great Hall

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

- •MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- SACRED GROUND CLOSING CEREMONY5:30 PM | Prayer Labyrinth in Perry Hall Gym
- TAIZÉ SERVICE 7:00 PM | St. James Parish

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**

- •STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th St.
- •HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR 5:45 PM | Children's Chapel

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE7:00 PM | St. James Parish

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

•GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 12:00 NOON |St. James Parish

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

- •SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON 7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 17 EASTER SUNDAY

- •SUNRISE TOWER SERVICE 6:30 AM | St. James Belltower
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- •ONLINE LIVE STREAM 9 & 11:15 AM | Website or FB
- PARISH CELEBRATION 10:10 AM | Front Lawn
- •HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 11:15 AM | St. James Parish

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