



Taizé Prayer for The Feast of the Epiphany

8 January 2025



Opening Prayer

○ God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Chant I Bénissez le Seigneur (Let us sing to the Lord!)

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'Bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur!', and then continues with 'Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more active treble line with chords and melodic fragments. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Psalm 72.10-15

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.
He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression
and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
Long may he live;
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

Chant 2 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice. Look to God, do not be a-

-fraid. Lift up your voi-ces, the Lord is near. Lift up your voi-ces, the Lord is near. In the

Reading Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Silence for around 5 minutes

Chant 3 Spiritus Jesu Christi (*May the Spirit of Christ Jesus, the Spirit of love, strengthen your heart*)

Spi-ri-tus Je-su Chri-sti, Spi-ri-tus ca-ri-ta-tis, con-

-fir-met cor-tu-um; con-fir-met cor-tu-um.

Prayers of Intercession with Chant 4 Kyrie 13

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, e-le-i-son.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Chant 5 Bendigo al Señor (*I bless the Lord who hears my prayer. The Lord is my strength; in him my heart trusts*)

Ben - di - go al Se - ñor por-que es - cu - cha mi voz, el Se -

-ñor es mi fuer - za, con - fi - a mi co - ra - zón. Ben

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Chant 6 Gloria, gloria (canon) (*Glory to God in the highest*)

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Please stay as long as you wish for silent prayer.

Taizé at All Hallows

Taizé is a short service using prayer, chants and silence. It is easy to learn, simple and very beautiful. This form of worship takes its name from a town in southern Burgundy, France, which is the home of an international ecumenical Christian community of over a hundred brothers. Regular times of prayer, chants and silence are at the heart of daily life in Taizé, and thousands from many countries have travelled there to experience this form of prayer and reflection. The profound simplicity and beauty of the worship is now used in services around the world, inspired by the ideals of justice and reconciliation that unite the community and those who visit it.

Notices

Licensing of Revd Nicol Kinrade

We're looking forward to the licensing on Sunday of Revd Nicol Kinrade as our new Vicar.

Please celebrate with us the Institution by the Bishop of London, and Induction & Installation by the Archdeacon of London of The Reverend Nicol Kinrade as Vicar of All Hallows by the Tower and Licensing as Priest in Charge of St Mary-at-Hill. After the service at All Hallows by the Tower, a reception will be held in the church.

If you haven't done so already, please let Michael in the parish office know if you will be attending (parish@ahbtt.org.uk or 020 7481 2928)

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

Podcast episode 10 is now out! "Ring Out Wild Bells; The McConnell Chime"

To listen, go to www.spotify.com and search for 'All Hallows by the Tower', or use link: <https://rb.gy/yqozty>

Advent Reading

During Advent we have been reading together Isabelle Hamley's book Embracing Humanity: A Journey towards becoming flesh.

"Through the lens of Advent and Christmas, Isabelle Hamley guides us through daily reflections and prayers, encouraging us to meditate on being human in the light of God's choice to reach out to us in Jesus."

Join us in person or on zoom as we journey with Isabelle's book through Advent:

The second and final session is tonight at 7pm.

Collecting for Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank

You can donate to the Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank by using the collection boxes in church. The Bow Foodbank accepts non-perishable, in date, unopened and labelled food, and the Hygiene Bank accepts new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials; your donations can make a real difference to those in need in our local area.

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