



Taizé Prayer for **Wednesday after Advent Sunday**

3 December 2025



Welcome and Opening Reflection

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Chant I Dans nos obscurités, alume le feu qui ne s'éteint jamais, qui ne s'éteint jamais.
(Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, that never dies away.)

Dans nos obs-cu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja -

-mais, qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais. Dans nos obs-cu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le

feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais. Dans nos obs-cu - ri

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
 And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;
 Jerusalem, built as a city
 that is at unity in itself.
 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the
 Lord,
 as is decreed for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
 For there are set the thrones of judgement,
 the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 'May they prosper who love you.
 'Peace be within your walls
 and tranquillity within your palaces.'
 For my kindred and companions' sake,
 I will pray that peace be with you.
 For the sake of the house of the Lord our
 God,
 I will seek to do you good.

Chant 2 Sanasi on lamppu, valo askeleillani.
(Your word is a lamp, a light on my path. Ps 119.105)



Reading Matthew 24.36-44 *(May be read in another language)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

After the Gospel: Christe, lux mundi, qui sequitur te habebit lumen vi tae, lumen vi tae.
(O Christ, light of the world, whoever follows you will have the light of life.)



Silence for around 5 minutes

Chant 3 C'est toi ma lampe, Seigneur. Mon Dieu éclaire ma ténèbre.

(Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, enlighten my darkness. O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness. O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness.)

Two systems of musical notation for Chant 3. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The first system has a treble staff with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature, and a bass staff with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The second system has a treble staff with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature, and a bass staff with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the bass staff.

C'est toi ma lam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon
Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

Prayers of Intercession with Chant 4 Kyrie I

Two systems of musical notation for Chant 4 Kyrie I. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The first system has a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature, and a bass staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. The second system has a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature, and a bass staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the bass staff.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e 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 *Solo: Deus venit. Tutti: Laetentur Caeli, exultet terra, a facie Domini, quia venit, quia venit.*

(May the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, before the Lord who is coming!.)

Solo *Tutti* *Fing*

De-us ve - nit. Lae - ten - tur
 cae - li, ex - ul - tet ter - ra, a
 Lae - ten - tur cae - li, ex - ul - tet ter - ra,
 fa - ci - e Do - mi - ni, qui - a ve - nit,
 a fa - ci - e Do - mi - ni, qui - a
 qui - a ve - nit. Lae - ten - tur
 ve - nit, qui - a ve - nit.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
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 Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

The musical notation for Chant 6 is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and common time (indicated by a 'C' time signature). The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first system covers the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and the second system covers 'Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and repeat signs at the end of each system.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

*After our service of Taizé Prayer, there is a retiring collection
to support the work and mission of All Hallows Church.*

Notices

Parish Giving Scheme

All Hallows by the Tower is delighted to announce it has joined the Parish Giving Scheme. PGS allows you to set up planned giving on a monthly, quarterly or annual Direct Debit. This helps us to plan our budget accordingly, as the gifts and 25% Gift Aid are processed regularly - turning every pound you give into Christian service in this community. You can even choose the option to increase your gift annually in line with inflation (you would be contacted in advance to confirm you are happy with the increase). You give securely, and you can choose to give anonymously, if you prefer.

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Taizé in December

After our service of Taizé Prayers on Wednesday 10 December, we will share in a Christmas social. Wednesday 17 December will be Taizé prayers around the Crib. There is no Taizé service on Wednesday 24 or 31 December. We gather again in the New Year on Wednesday 3 January.

Environmental Sustainability Working Group

One of the five Church of England Marks of Mission is, *'to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'* At All Hallows by the Tower we are totally committed to supporting this objective, and do everything possible to support environmental sustainability. We've established an Environmental Sustainability Working Group, focused on actions rather than meetings. One of our primary objectives will be to prepare an application for recognition of our church for Gold status as an Eco-Church. We already hold Silver status, and if we reach Gold we will be the first church in the City Deanery to receive this award.

Dorothy Lawrence and The Rev'd Dr John Barker have both agreed to serve on the working group. If you think you may be interested to join, please do talk informally with either one or both of them to get more information.

Christmas at All Hallows by the Tower

We are looking forward to hosting a large number of carol services for local charities and companies. We hope you will join us for the following

Thursday 11 December, 6.30pm
Festive Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 17 December, 6.00pm
Taizé Prayers around the Crib

Sunday 21 December, 4.00pm
Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24 December, 11.30pm
Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December, 11.00am
Christmas Day Eucharist

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.

The Team at All Hallows

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