

Taizé Prayer on the **Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

30 April 2026



Welcome and Opening Reflection

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Chant I: Bóg jest miłością

(God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive and God will be with you. God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.)



Bóg jest mi - łość - cią miej-cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi-łość-ci.

Bóg jest mi - łość - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.

Psalm: 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble
me;

you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.


Surely goodness and loving mercy shall
follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

Chant 2: Gloria ... et in terra pax (canon)

(Glorify to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.)



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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!

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Et in ter-ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.

Reading John 10.1-10 (May be read in a different language)

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Chant 3 After the Gospel: Alleluia

Ал - ли - лу - и - я, ал - ли - лу - и - я, ал - ли - лу - и - я,
Al - le - lu - i - а, al - le - lu - i - а, al - le - lu - i - а,

Molto più lento

сла - ва те - бе Бо - же! Ал - ли - лу - и - я, ал - ли - лу - и - я,
sla - va tie - bie Bo - že! Al - le - lu - i - а, al - le - lu - i - а,

ал - ли - лу - и - я, сла - ва те - бе Бо - же!
al - le - lu - i - а, sla - va tie - bie Bo - že!

Silence for around 5 minutes

Chant 4: Surrexit Christus

(The Lord is risen, alleluia. Sing out and praise the Lord, alleluia.)

Sur - re - xit Chris - tus, al - le - lu - ia!

Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayers of Intercession with Chant 5: Kyrie 20

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste 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 6: Be not afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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Closing Prayer & Blessing

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.

Amen.

Chant 7 Bénissez le Seigneur

(Let us sing to the Lord!)



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. 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!". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. The score concludes with the lyrics "gneur! Bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur, bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur!".

Bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur!, Bé-nis - sez le Sei -
gneur! Bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur, bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur, bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur!

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

Notices

Two Cities Eco Tip

As the days grow longer and hopefully sunnier, have you thought that solar energy could power your house and reduce your bills? <https://www.treadlighter.co.uk/>

Digging Into History with Les Capon

You are invited to a talk by Les Capon on Thursday 30 April, 5.30pm. Les will give a few recollections from 1999 of excavating the site of Queen Mother Centre, before focussing on aspects of archaeological artefacts from a range of excavations: what they are, why they are important and what we can learn, following his 42 years of archaeological work. Please join us for what should be a fascinating evening.

Ascension Day – Beating the Bounds

On Thursday 14 May, Ascension Day, we will be Beating the Bounds of our Parish (including sending a beating party in a boat to the parish boundary in the middle of the River Thames.) Please join us if you are able when we will also have refreshments followed by Choral Evensong at 6pm.

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.

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