



Taizé Prayer on the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

24 June 2026



Welcome and Opening Reflection

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist
was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
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: Deus, Deus meus

(God, my God, my soul is thirsting for you. I will bless you my whole life long)

De - us, De - us me - us, si - ti - vit in te a - ni - ma
me - a. Be - ne - di - cam te, be - ne - di - cam te, in vi - ta.
me - a be - ne - di - cam te.

Psalm: 85.7-end

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God will
say,
for he shall speak peace to his people
and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who
fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed
each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from
heaven.
The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.

Chant 2: Jesus, remember me

Je - sus re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Reading Luke 1.57-66, 80 (May be read in another language)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Chant 3 After the Gospel: Alleluia (*Alleluia! Glory be to you, O Lord.*)

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

Molto più lento
сла - ва те - бе Бо - же! Ал - ли - лу - и - я, ал - ли - лу - и - я,
sla - va tie - bie Во - že! Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a,

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

Silence for around 5 minutes

Chant 4: Para mim, ser feliz

(It is good to draw close to God, to put my hope in the Lord)



Pa-ra mim, ser fe-liz é_es-tar jun-to de Deus. Em ti, Se-nhor, pus a mi-nha espe-



ran-ça. Pa-ra mim, ser fe-liz é_es-tar jun-to de Deus. Em ti, Se-



nhor, pus a mi-nha espe-ran-ça. Pa-ra

Prayers of Intercession with Chant 5: Kyrie 12



Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. lei-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: Exaudi orationem meam

(Hear my prayer, let my cry come to you. You, God, remain forever.)

Ex - au - di o-ra-ti-onem me-am, et cla-mor me-us ad te ve-ni-at. Tu,

De-us, in ae-ter-num per - ma - nes, in ae - ter - num per - ma-nes. Ex

Closing Prayer & Blessing

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our 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 7 Be not afraid

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

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

Notices

Tower Ward in Tudor Times

Author GJ Williams writes Tudor era mysteries with one of our famous residents as her detective – Dr John Dee. During the talk, she will walk us through Tower Ward as he would have seen it, the society he navigated and the ever present shadow of the Tower of London. Please join us at **5.30pm tomorrow evening**.

World Traders thanksgiving

It was a pleasure to welcome the Worshipful Company of World Traders back to All Hallows on Monday for their annual thanksgiving service. Photographed with Nicol are the Master, Junior Warden, Clerk and Beadle of the Company.



New Icon at All Hallows

We are very grateful to Fr Christopher Cawrse who has donated us an icon. Fr Christopher has just retired as Parish Priest of Holy Cross Church, Kings Cross and bought the icon when he visited Taizé. This Coptic icon, shown on the front cover of this booklet, is usually called “Christ with the believer” but is also referred to as “the icon of friendship”. It shows Jesus with his arm around a man called Menas. Menas represents all of us, and you can see that Jesus doesn’t look him in the face, but rather stands alongside Menas.



Taizé Farewell

Last Wednesday evening, John officiated at his last service of Taizé Prayers here at All Hallows. Please keep John and Ella in your prayers as they prepare for their new ministry in Palermo.

Two Cities Eco Tip **GreenCITY**

Trees are great at absorbing carbon from the air, and provide a habitat for animals and other plants. Can you plant one yourself, or maybe buy one as a gift to the world?

<https://www.treedom.net/en/>

And if your garden isn’t big enough for trees, think about bee-friendly plants or helping our little friends with a bug hotel or bird box.

Carbon Literacy for Congregations

All Hallows will be hosting a day course for the churches in the two cities. The day is being funded by the Church of England Environment Programme, and will share practical ideas to help churches reach net zero carbon by 2030. The course will be on **Saturday 12 September, 10am-5pm**.

Please scan the code or visit <https://bit.ly/4vUIAWn> to sign up for the day, or contact Michael in the office if you need any support.



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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