



Taizé Service

Welcome to Holy Trinity Headington Quarry's online Taize service.

*We asked the brothers in Taize for permission to use their materials for this service
and they have sent us this message:*

May God be very close to you and to your congregation during this challenging time.

In communion of prayer,

Brother Jean-Marc

Welcome and opening prayer

Chant **Nada te turbe, Nada te espanta**
 Quien a Dios tiene, Nada le falta
 Nada te turbe Nada te falta
 Solo Dios basta

Psalm 23 with chant Alleluia 7

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Alleluia

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Alleluia

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Alleluia

Chant **Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.**

Reading Jeremiah 31 vv 31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Chant **Jesu redemptor omnium, tu lumen et splendor Patris,
Tibi sit gloria, tibi Jesu sit gloria**

As this chant ends we enter a silence for thought, reflection or prayer.

Prayers with chant: O Christe Domine Jesu

We are learning that none of us is an island. We are not self-sufficient, and neither status, or wealth or nationality can protect us. We are all fearful, and our helplessness is showing us how much we depend on the kindness of others, how much connection, community, friendship and even proximity really matters. Help us hold this as a gift that we remember for our lifetime.

You prepare a table before us, but it is for sharing. Forgive us for anxious hoarding, for believing that what we own can protect us and help us hold on lightly to what we have.

Creator God, you have formed us from the dust of the universe, which holds together our planet, the animals, plants and trees, our mountains and oceans, the wind and the sky. Ground us in the wonder and kinship of all your creation.

For those losing loved ones, those losing jobs, those watching their businesses collapse, those who are suffering mentally, those who feel isolated and yearn for company, those whose lives have turned upside down: even though they walk through the darkest valley, may they feel accompanied, held closely, and wrapped tightly in the bonds of belonging, connection and deep love.

In your kingdom, the first shall be last and the last shall be first. Today we see that many of the lowest paid and least regarded are the most important for us to stay alive. We pray for a long term transformation in how our society values and rewards each other.

In our deep anxiety, in our trembling and fear, lay us down in green pastures, lead us by quiet waters and refresh our souls

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Chant **I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**
 Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.

Closing prayer Christ Jesus, even when we can feel nothing of your presence, you are always there. Your Holy Spirit remains continually active in us, opening little ways forward to escape from our dead ends and to move towards the essential of faith, of trust.

Blessing

For those who would like to use Taize prayer more regularly, a streamed evening prayer is available from Taizé every day:

http://www.taize.fr/en_article27540.html

*Recordings of **Nada te turbe, Jesu redemptor omnium** and **I am sure I shall see** are downloaded from the Taize website, with permission.*

Closing prayer, from Prayer for Each Day, Ateliers et Presses de Taize