



Taizé | March 2021

Theme: Waiting for the Light

One of the hallmarks of Taizé worship is **deep silence**, along with chanting and contemplative readings. Therefore, during the Taizé service we have several periods of **silence** and no instructions or commentary.

It is a little different sharing the songs of Taizé this evening: you are invited to listen deeply to this music of reflection. Thank you to Owen Bloomfield from St James and Cecily Heslett from Central Pentecostal, and Canon Philip Hughes and Rev Eryl Parry from Bro Celynnin, Conwy, North Wales.

Territorial Acknowledgement | Anglican Diocese of Niagara

We wish to acknowledge that we are on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the two rivers. At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of New Credit. In a spirit of reconciliation, we seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect. May we who dwell on or visit these lands and waterways also be good stewards and honour those who came before us. And may our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.

Opening Chant: Blessing and Praise be Given

♩ = 58

(A) Em G Am B (B)

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, in
Bless - ing and praise be giv - en, bless - ing and praise be giv - en to

(C) (D)

no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
Christ who comes, who comes for us, comes in the name of the Lord.

What to do in the darkness

Go slowly
Consent to it
But don't wallow in it
Know it as a place of germination
And growth
Remember the light
Take an outstretched hand if you find one
Exercise unused senses
Find the path by walking it
Practice trust
Watch for dawn

(Marilyn Chandler McEntyre in Weavings 19, no. 2 (March/April 2004):27)

Let us pray:
Loving and patient God,
Wait with us in the darkness. Wait with us for the light. We pray for your presence with us in this time of waiting. Bless us God, in our waiting and in our trusting. **Amen.**

Chant: Pilgrim Song

English:

O Jesus Christ, Light of the World,
Our true companion and friend,
When all is darkness, light the path
Towards our journey's end.

*You alone, Lord, are our vision,
You alone, Lord, are our guide,
O lead us on in faith each day
With Jesus at our side.*

Welsh:

O Iesu Grist, Goleuni'r Byd,
Ein cyfaill gorau wyt Ti,
Pan fo tywyllwch ar bob llaw
Goleua'r ffordd i ni.

*Ynot Ti, Arglwydd, gobeithiwn,
Ynot Ti rhown ein holl ffydd,
Ar hyd ein siwrne arwain ni
Yng nghwmni Crist bob dydd.*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (Mark 1:9-13)

(Rev'd David Parry, Conwy)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Psalm for Reassurance

(Angela Mullins, Fergus)

I shall wait in your sight:
Prepare me with your teachings,
Place knowledge as a screen,
A shelter against winds of adversity.

I shall wait in your sight:
Animate me with your teachings;
Invigorate my days with purpose,
Enlarge my actions with meaning.

I shall wait in your sight:
Empower me with your teachings;
Let my thirst never be quenched,
Let me drink from your well.

I shall wait in your sight.
Secure in who I am,
I will push back the webs of worry,
To face my daily challenges.

I shall wait in your sight,
Secure in who you are,
I will lean against your teachings
To guide my daily acts.

(Debbie Perlman, in *Flames to Heaven: New Psalms for Healing and Praise*, 26.)

Brief silence.

Chant of Praise: In God Alone

♩ = 66

B Em C G D Em Am⁷ B Em C D G

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace_ and joy.
Mon â - me se re - pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon_ se - lut.

Em C G D Em Am⁷ B Em Am B *fine* Em B

On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace. In
Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â - me se re - po - se, se re - pose_ en paix. Mon

fine

Inspirational Reading

(Fred Cousineau, Fergus)

Waiting teaches us to live life in increments, in small pieces rather than large chunks. Waiting teaches us to measure our progress slowly. ... [I]t is hard to trust the slow unfolding of God's action. God's time is different from our time. In God's time we are often waiting for the bigger picture but must be content with each small piece. When we are waiting, we put one foot in front of the other every morning and every evening. Waiting gives us many gifts: patience, loss of control, living in the present, compassion, gratitude, humility, and trust in God.

(Holly W. Whitcomb, Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting, pp. 12-13)

Chant of Healing: Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison.
O God have mercy,
O God have mercy,
O God have mercy,
have mercy on us.

Healing and Embodiment

(Rev'd Amy Cousineau, Fergus)

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

This is God's word, the word of our creator: 'Do not be afraid – I will save you. I have called you by name – you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you.' So come with your fears and your hopes, come with your sadness and your regrets, come with your pain and your doubt, come with whatever faith you have. Whether the storm is around you or within, Jesus holds you; you are not alone.

Chant of Faith: Let All Who are Thirsty Come

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of two sharps (D major). The first system has a 4/4 time signature, which changes to 3/4 for the second system. The lyrics are: 'Let all who are thirst - y come. Let all who wish re - ceive the wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. A - men, come Lord Je - sus.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes.

Let all who are thirst - y come. Let all who wish re - ceive the wa - ter of life

free - ly. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. A - men, come Lord Je - sus.

Prayer After Healing

God of sunrises,
in the midst of what feels like an eternal night of the soul, we praise you for you are the one who causes the sun to rise. When the disciples felt the despair of Holy Saturday, with Jesus inside the darkness of the tomb, you were there. And soon, the light of the new day would arise, and your triumph over death and despair would be brought into the light. Thank you for always being a light in the dark places of the world and the dark places of our lives. Our hope is in you God, for you are the light of the world and you call us to be lights for others. May your light and love blaze in us and in all the world. **Amen.**

(<https://resistharm.com/prayers/prayer-of-light/>)

Invitation to Enter Silence (from Psalm 132)

Enter into the Silence, into the Heart of Wisdom and Truth;
For herein lies the Great Mystery where life is ever unfolding....

Silent Contemplation

Chant of Prayer: 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.

Litany

For the darkness of waiting
of not knowing what is to come
of staying ready and quiet and attentive,
we praise you, O God:

(Anne Warner, Fergus)

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

For the darkness of staying silent
for the terror of having nothing to say
and for the greater terror
of needing to say nothing,
we praise you, O God:

(Peter Tattersall, Conwy)

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

For the darkness of loving
in which it is safe to surrender
to let go of our self-protection
and to stop holding back our desire,
we praise you, O God:
**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

(Anne Warner, Fergus)

For the darkness of choosing
when you give us the moment
to speak, and act, and change,
and we cannot know what we have set in motion,
but we still have to take the risk,
we praise you, O God:
**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

(Helen Tattersall, Conwy)

For the darkness of hoping
in a world which longs for you,
for the wrestling and laboring of all creation
for wholeness and justice and freedom,
we praise you, O God.
**For the darkness and the light
Are both alike to you.**

(Anne Warner, Fergus)

(Bread of Tomorrow: Prayers for the Church Year, Janet Morley, ed., p. 22, 23.)

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer

(Jane Williams, Conwy)

Our Father, Our Mother, Perfect Love,
We turn again to You.
Guide us, help us to love,
so that Your Will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day
that which we need.
Fill us with hope and trust.
Help us to forgive our brothers and sisters
(and ourselves as well);
and to look on them as you look on us.
Give us strength to resist temptation.
When we are tempted, let us choose peace.
Deliver us from our fears.
For what You love is safe.
And Your love remains forever and always.
Amen.

(Peter Parr, <http://www.thingstoremember.org>; alt.)

Closing Prayers

(Daphne Pickle, Fergus)

Beloved Companion,
you are not just the God of time but the God of timing. Help us to trust you as we wait for the things we desperately want. Help us not become discouraged or depressed in this season of waiting but help us take our places joyfully with all the saints who persevered through the wait you had for them. As we walk through this season of Lent, help us to spend time meditating on your promise to bring our Saviour back into the world. Thank you for your plan to bring restoration for all things! In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

(Lauren Gaskill <https://www.ibelieve.com>; adapted)

Gracious God of all times and places,
We thank you that you are with our going out and our coming in,
our stopping and our waiting.
May waiting be our teacher.
Bless us we pray. **Amen.**

Holy Week Blessing (in English)

(Rev'd Ann Turner, Fergus)

If we have grown weary in this season.
If we have become overwhelmed.
If we are living with fear or anxiety or worry about what lies ahead.
If the swirl of Holy Week has become intense.
If time is moving strangely.
If grief has been a traveling companion.
If the ground beneath us has given way.
If resurrection seems less than certain.

Beloveds, draw near and seek shelter among friends.
Know that God travels with us. We are not alone. And every blessing is freely ours'.
May the love of God save your tender heart.
May the peace of Christ be comfort for the journey.
And may the Spirit of all that is holy, wrap 'round you with compassion
and charge you with empathy,
that you may love as God loves you.
Amen.

Jan Richardson, from Holy Saturday: Breathe; The Painted Prayerbook, March 2018; alt. A. E. Turner

Holy Week Blessing (in Welsh)

(Rev'd Eryl Parry, Conwy)

Cofiwch am bopeth a wnaeth Duw.
Llawenhewch ym mhopeth a wna.
Derbyniwch bopeth y mae eto i'w wneud.
Rhowch eich llaw yn ei law ef,
Duw'r gorffennol, y presennol a'r dyfodol,
a cherddwch gydag ef i ba le bynnag arwain,
gan wybod y bydd yn cerdded gyda chwi,
heddiw, yr Wythnos Sanctaidd hon a phob amser.
Amen.

English Translation

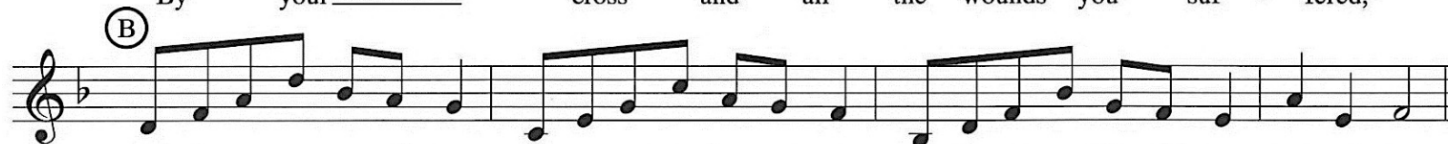
Remember all God has done.
Rejoice in all he is doing.
Receive all he shall yet do
Put your hand in his,
the God of the past, present and future,
and walk with him wherever he may lead,
knowing that he will walk with you,
this day, this Holy week and always.
Amen.

Closing Chant: By Your Cross

Largo ♩ = 96



Per cru - cem et pas - si - o - nem tu - am,
By your _____ cross and all the wounds you suf - fered,



li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne.
grant us free - dom in your love, grant us free - dom in your love, grant us free - dom in your love, in your love.



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Per sanc - tam re - sur - rec - ti - o - nem tu - am,
By your ho - ly, life - giv - ing re - sur - rec - tion,



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Our next Taizé service will be Wednesday, April 28th, 2021.

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