

**St. Peter's Church  
Harvest  
Taizé Worship Service**



**GIVE  
THANKS**  
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE

*We hope you will be filled with God's presence and peace as you join us in this time of worship.*

## Taizé Introduction

Taizé is a small hamlet in Burgundy, France, yet it is known throughout the world because of the worship that has developed there.

In 1940 a Swiss Protestant called Brother Roger, settled in Taizé. He wanted to help people going through difficulties, and offered hospitality to refugees from the war, especially Jews.

Brother Roger's intention and ministry was to create a community that would be a 'parable of communion'. Today's community numbers more than one hundred brothers from the Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox denominations, coming from at least twenty-five countries from around the world.

Since the end of the 1950's tens of thousands of people from every continent visit Taizé, usually for a week-long stay. Whilst there, they live simply and gather with the brothers three times a day for Common Prayer in the Church of Reconciliation. They come to reflect on the sources of the faith, to pray, to look for meaning in their lives and to prepare themselves to be creators of trust and reconciliation in the places where they live.

The style of worship that has developed from the Taizé community is sung prayer, in the form of chants that are easy for people to lead and join in with if they wish to. It is intended to be a place of prayer; to engage with God, hear His Word and leave refreshed and renewed.



## Welcome

### Chant: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

### Psalm 65 (Said)

Praise is due to you,  
O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
<sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come.  
<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.  
<sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.  
<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
<sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

**Reading:** Matthew 6:25-34

**Reflective Prayer with times of silence**

**Chant:** O Lord hear my prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
come and listen to me.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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:** Ubi Caritas (*repeat 4 times plus*)

Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*Where charity and love are,  
God is there.*

**Closing Prayer**

**Blessing**

May God who clothes the lilies and feed the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and deer to water,  
lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator  
now and through all eternity;  
and the blessing of God the Father,  
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen**