



Taizé Prayer for **Easter**

1 May 2024



Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch – Herbert Boeckl

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Chant I Jesus Christ, bread of life

p *cresc..... f*
Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

dim..... mf
Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Psalm 22.25-31

You are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to
the Lord, all families of the nations worship
before him, for the kingdom is the Lord's;
he is ruler of the nations.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the
earth; before him shall bow all who go down
to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to
generations yet to come, declare his
faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done."

Chant 2 Crucem tuam (We adore your cross, Lord. We praise your resurrection.)

Cru - cem tu - am a - do - ra - mus Do - mi - ne, re - sur - rec - ti - o - nem
tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Lau - da - mus et glo - ri - fi - ca - mus.
Re - sur - rec - ti - o - nem tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Cru - cem tu

Fine

Reading Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Silence for 5 minutes

Chant 3 Misericordias Domini (*I will sing forever the mercy of God*)

Mi - se - ri - cor - di - as Do - mi - ni in ae - ter - num can - ta - bo.

The musical score for Chant 3 is written in a two-staff system. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes. The bottom staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Prayers of Intercession with Chant 4 Alleluia 18

Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a!

The musical score for Prayers of Intercession with Chant 4 Alleluia 18 is written in a two-staff system. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes. The bottom staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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 5 All my heart lies open to you

The musical score for Chant 5 consists of two systems. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins in 6/8 time and changes to 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment follows the same time signature changes. The lyrics are: "All my heart lies o - pen to you, and you know, Lord, that I love you." The system concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine". The second system continues the piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, with a double bar line and the marking "D.C." (Da Capo).

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Chant 6 The kingdom of God

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi - rit.

Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

Please stay as long as you wish for silent prayer.

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.

Notices

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

The newest episode of the All Hallows podcast *Looking Closer, Looking Deeper* is available on Spotify now: 'The Saddest Sight: Pepys and the Great Fire'. Go to **spotify.com** and search for 'All Hallows by the Tower'.

Ascension Day: Beating the Bounds and Choral Evensong

Thursday 9 May, 4pm

Our annual Ascension Day celebrations will take place on Thursday 9 May. We will be Beating the Bounds from 4.15pm, when we walk around and pray over the parish boundary. This will be followed by a service of Choral Evensong at 6pm with the choir of St Dunstan's College. All are welcome.

Christian Aid Freedom Walk

Saturday 11 May, 12.30pm

To begin Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid are running a sponsored walk helping to bring attention to and fight against poverty and injustice. The walk will be starting with a service of blessing at All Hallows, and will follow a 5km route ending with Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. Sign up at **freedomwalk2024.eventbrite.co.uk**.

Collecting for Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank

You can donate to the Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank by using the collection boxes in church. The Bow Foodbank accepts non-perishable, in date, unopened and labelled food, and the Hygiene Bank accepts new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials; your donations can make a real difference to those in need in our local area.

If you wish to donate to the work of All Hallows, please use the tap-to-donate machine at the back or the money boxes provided. If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation.

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