

## St.James' West End

### Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our time of singing and silence. Please feel free to sit quietly and listen or to join in as you feel most comfortable. We will be following a pattern based on the worship of the Taizé Community, one of whose aims has always been to make Christian worship as simple and uncluttered as possible. Please join in the words in bold.



Welcome

Opening words: Lord, gather all our thoughts, fill our hearts with your love. In you we find light in the deepest night. In you we find patience and help in time of need. Though we often do not understand, we will trust you, who holds us by the hand.

#### The lighting of the Easter candle

Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world: whoever comes to me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

#### Taizé Chant : The Lord is my light

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation : in God I trust, in God I trust.**

During this chant if you have a candle and a cross (and it is safe to do so) you are invited to light the candle and place it near the cross.



Father we come to you to say sorry for our sins:  
**For the times we turn away from you; Father forgive.**  
**For the times we behave without thought of others; Father forgive.**  
**For often failing in what we do, think and say; Father forgive.**  
**For giving into temptations; Father forgive.**  
**Merciful Lord, grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,**  
**time for amendment of life and bless our new beginnings. Amen.**

Chant: Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have Mercy)

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*  
*Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*  
*(Alternate between Latin and English)*

*A short time of silence.*

Words from Psalm 34:-

**Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)**

- I will bless the Lord at all times on my lips, the sound of his praise, Alleluia!  
**(refrain)**

- Give glory, my soul, to the Lord, all the humble, hear and rejoice, Alleluia!  
**(refrain)**

-Come, let us worship the Lord, with one voice give glory to God, Alleluia!  
**(refrain)**

-I cried to the Lord, he replied, he freed me when I was afraid, Alleluia!  
**(refrain)**

-With God is the fullness of joys, turn to him, you will not be deceived; Alleluia!  
**(refrain)**

-When the poor cry out, he gives heed, he is close to all in distress, Alleluia!  
**(refrain)**

A reading from St Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 6, Verses 19 – 21

Jesus said 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Followed by a short reflection from Taizé

Then a short time of contemplation.

Taizé Chant: Holy Spirit come to us

**Holy spirit come to us. Kindle in us the fire of your love.**  
**Holy Spirit come to us. Holy Spirit come to us.**

Taizé Chant : Bless the Lord

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Intercessions

*May your peace shine among us and your love set us free.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***

*Keep us persevering in faith and set in our hearts the desire for your Kingdom.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***

*Guide your Church along the way of the Gospel; may your Holy Spirit keep her  
welcoming.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***

*We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for the politicians who represent us. Inspire  
them with the spirit of wisdom, honesty and service.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***

*O Christ, you have taken our weaknesses upon yourself and taken charge of our  
illnesses. Strengthen those who are going through difficult times, those suffering from  
Covid-19 and those facing loneliness and isolation. We pray for all those who are ill at  
this time and for those nearing the end of their earthly life.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***

*We pray for our parish of West End, that the Christians here may be witnesses to truth  
and creators of unity. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***

*We entrust to you our families and friends, all who have asked for our prayers and  
those who pray for us. We spend a few moments remembering in our hearts any who  
need our prayers at this time.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.***



*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*

Taizé Chant: Laudate Dominum (Sing praises)

**Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia.  
Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia.**

Final prayer:-

Lord our God, as evening falls and the light disappears: receive our prayer...

God our Father, you look upon us with compassion: receive our prayer...

God our Father, you take upon yourself our burdens, fill us with your peace...

God our Father, in silence we are led to you: sustain us with your word...

God our Father, your love is all we need: welcome us and all those you have entrusted to us...

God our Father, kindle a new brightness in our night: may your light shine on us...

**Amen**

We join together in saying The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

