

Blessing

May the Light that does not waver at any time and in any circumstance / accompany us and shine bright on our planet./ May we let The Logos show us the Glory of God./ May we ask The logos to make us little by little, by day and by night / enter more deeply into the family of God./ May we become more Logos like - God's Logos made flesh -. /Amen.

Taizé chants:

Taizé Gaudete Gaudete Christus natus est ex Maria
Virgine ex Maria Virgine ex Maria Virgine Alleluia Alleluia

Taizé The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God: the Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life

Taizé Gloria Tibi Domine Domine Gloria Tibi Domine
Domine

Taizé Grant us your peace O lord, grant us your peace O Lord. may it fill all our days.

**The next Meditative Evening Prayer will be on
Wednesday 27 January 2021**

The Word became flesh

Welcome and entering into prayer

Hymn: 'Word that formed creation'

Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;
Speak in us now, that we might hear your call;
Living Word of Jesus, wound within us all.

Love that formed and named us, fill this clay with breath
Love that seeks and claims us Love beyond all death;
Come now and fire with life that flows from you,
Love that raised up Jesus, raise us up anew.

Song of joy and wonder, sound so wild and free
Voice of wind and thunder, boundless as the sea
Music of God, the love that cast out fear
Song that sang Jesus, sing within us here.

God of all creation, form our heart anew
God of our salvation, lead us home to you
Spirit inspire our hearts to hear your call
Living God of Jesus, come renew us all.

Reading: *John 1, 1 to 18 New Living Translation*

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through

him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. God sent a man, John the Baptist, tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

Silent prayer

Litanie of the Word

Word of justice, *Alleluia*, Come to dwell here, *Maranatha*
Word of mercy, *Alleluia* Live among us. *Maranatha!*
Word of power, *Alleluia*, Live within us. *Maranatha!*

Word of freedom, *Alleluia*, Save your people. *Maranatha!*
Word of healing, *Alleluia*, Heal our sorrow. *Maranatha!*
Word of comfort *Alleluia* Bring us hope now *Maranatha!*
Word of gladness *Alleluia* Fill our hearts now *Maranatha*
Word of wisdom, *Alleluia*, Come renew us. *Maranatha!*
Word we long for *Alleluia*, Word we thirst for. *Maranatha!*
Key of David, *Alleluia*, Son of Mary, *Maranatha!*
Promised Saviour, *Alleluia*, True Messiah, *Maranatha!*
Cry of prophets, *Alleluia*, Hope of ages, *Maranatha!*
Light of nations, *Alleluia*, Light in darkness, *Maranatha!*
Risen Saviour, *Alleluia*, Lord of glory, *Maranatha!*
You we long for, *Alleluia*, You we thirst for, *Maranatha!*
Here among us, *Alleluia*, Living in us, *Maranatha!*

Intercessory prayers in silence or aloud to entrust to God our concerns our hopes and joy about people near to us and afar and situations in our world

The Lord's prayer *said together*

Concluding Prayer

Loving Logos, only Son of the Father showing us the Glory of God in taking human flesh. Your mission to us is to make God known to us and to make of us children of God. You have come to us to tell us that God likes company, likes humankind and 'being with' and you incarnated it in your life seeking company of your disciples and all the people you encountered. You are urging us to become more and more children of your Father, your brothers and sisters. For all these we are immensely grateful. Amen.