

Blessing said together

May God be with us when we hold on to the past and cling to what is familiar and to our grief.
May God moves us gently to the present of our lives.
May God commission us to announce and the resurrection and may God invite us to the new life of the resurrection and may God , father son and Holy Spirit bless and remain with today and for evermore . Amen

Taize chants:

Tz 48 Crucem tuam adoramus Domine, resurrectionem tuam laudamus Domine. Laudamus et glorificamus. Resurrectionem tuam laudamus Domine. (We adore your cross, Lord, We praise your resurrection)

Tz 17(red book) 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.

Tz 36 (Songs and Prayers of Taize)
The Lord is my light my light and salvation in God I trust in God I trust

Tz 18 (red book)Come and fill our hearts with your peace you alone O Lord are Holy, come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia

The next Meditative Evening Prayer will take place be on Wednesday 26 May 2021

*Meditative Evening Prayer
Wednesday 28 April 2021*

Why are you weeping?

Welcome

Entering into prayer

Hymn: Now the green blade rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that He would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead my living Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Reading: John 20, 11 -18 NIV

Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**A few thoughts followed by a time
of silent prayer and reflection**

Hymn Taizé orange/red book no102

Remember the Lord Jesus Christ, who now is risen from the dead; he is our one true light, our everlasting glory. Know that if him we die, with him we shall arise, if we persevere, he will lead us into life.

Alleluia, al - l e - lu - - ia, Al- le-lu - - i- a!

Intercessory prayers in silence or aloud

The Lord's prayer *said together*

Concluding Prayer

O unfamiliar God,
We seek you in the places
You have already left,
And fail to see you
Even when you are before us.
Grant us to recognize your strangeness
That we need not cling to our familiar grief,
But may be freed to proclaim resurrection
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

Janet Morley