

Taize at St Edward, King and Martyr

10th January 2016



## welcome and introduction

Taize is a small village in Burgundy, France, where for over 50 years it has been the home of a Christian monastic community made up of brothers from different countries, speaking different languages, and belonging to different Christian denominations. They share a simple life and welcome tens of thousands of visitors every year from all around the world.

**Song 5 'Bless the Lord my soul'** *sung 6 times  
continuously*

**Psalm 67**

O God, be gracious and bless us

and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you.**

*Let the nations be glad and exult*

*for you rule the world with justice.*

*With fairness you rule the peoples,*

*you guide the nations on earth.*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its fruit

for God, our God, has blessed us.

May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you.**

**Song 35 'Bonum est confidere'** *sung 6 times*

**Reading** from Matthew 2, 1 - 12

**Song 2 'Wait for the Lord'** *sung 6 times.*

**Ten minutes silence**

**Song 2 'Wait for the Lord'** *sung 3 times.*

**Reading** - The Journey of the Magi. T S Eliot

**Song 115 'The kingdom of God'** *sung 6 times*

**Five minutes silence**

**Song 115 'The kingdom of God'** *sung twice.*

**Intercessions:**

O Christ, Son of God, you were here before the world began and you came to earth to save us all: make us witnesses of this Good News.

Son of justice, you shone at the Father's side and illuminated the universe: give light to all who dwell in the shadow of death.

You became a little child and were laid in a manger:  
renew in us the simplicity of childhood.

King of Glory, you accepted such an inconceivable  
humbling: give us hearts which are poor.

For the thousands of migrants from the Middle East into  
Europe, searching for that peace and security which we  
enjoy; help us to be generous in support of those who  
welcome and care for them, we pray.

O merciful God, help us to look with your eyes of  
compassion at the long travail of humanity: the wars, the  
hungry millions, the countless refugees, our inhumanity  
to one another. Lest we be overwhelmed help us each to  
find the small thing we can do to share your work of love.

**Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy  
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them  
that 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**

**Song 37** Jesus remember me *sung 3 times*

**Song 15 'Ubi caritas'** *sung 6 times.*

**The Grace of our lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen.**

*please stay for refreshments after the service.*

*There will be a basket for offerings at the West door entrance.*