



A Communion Service in the Spirit of Taizé

BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE—
parents and children; husbands and wives; partners and friends;
believers and those who cannot believe;
Christians and their fellow Christians.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Amen.

Opening Songs of Praise - during which a candle is lit (representing the light of Christ)

PSALM OR OTHER BIBLE READING

A song may be sung

LITANY OF PRAISE

Risen Christ, you are alive for ever; we worship you.
—**We praise you, Risen Lord!**

You took the lowest place to reveal the Father's love to every human being.
—**We praise you, Risen Lord!**

You ascended to your Father and our Father.
—**We praise you, Risen Lord!**

O Christ, just as on the evening of your resurrection, you breathe your
Holy Spirit upon each one of us.
—**We praise you, Risen Lord!**

You make us witnesses to your presence.
—**We praise you, Risen Lord!**

GOSPEL READING

A song may be sung

SILENCE - *for private meditation*
OR SHORT REFLECTION - *followed by prayer*

INTERCESSIONS – *introduced by singing a Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy) chant
which is then used after each intercessory prayer*

O Christ, born of the Father before all ages, you took upon yourself our humanity and you rose for us: we worship you.

Kyrie Eleison.

Son of God, Source of life, we invoke your goodness upon us and upon the entire human family.

Kyrie Eleison.

Allow us to live by your life and walk as children of light in the joy of Easter.

Kyrie Eleison.

Increase the faith of your Church; may it faithfully bear witness to your resurrection.

Kyrie Eleison.

Comfort all who are burdened, and engrave in their hearts your words of eternal life.

Kyrie Eleison.

Strengthen those who are weak in faith, and reveal yourself to doubting hearts.

Kyrie Eleison.

Give strength to the sick, support the elderly and reassure the dying by your saving presence.

Kyrie Eleison.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BELIEF

We believe in God;

Who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath;

Who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name;

Who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

He came in the body to give worth to every human life.

He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable,

**Forgave the unforgivable
And endured slander, persecution and death
In order that through suffering love
God's Kingdom might come on earth.
He rose from the grave as living proof
That what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven that he might be present
At all times. To all people.**
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
**Who leads us into truth and freedom,
Who gives good gifts to all God's children,
Who inspires research, enables prayer
And wills care of the earth and the healing of the nations.**
We celebrate the potential of the Church,
**The life in our bodies,
The yearning in our souls,
The Promise of good things in store
For those who love the Lord.**

A song may be sung

All who have expressed their love for Jesus within the fellowship of the church are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come, for all things are now ready.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty
to give thanks to you at all times and in all places,

**O Lord our Creator,
almighty and everlasting God!**

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty.

You have given us life and being,

and preserve us by your providence.

But you have shown us the fullness of your love
in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ,
the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation.

**For the precious gift of this mighty Saviour who has reconciled us to you
we praise and bless you, O God.**

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
that the bread which we break
and the cup which we bless
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**Grant that, being joined together in him,
we may attain to the unity of the faith
and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.**

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,
grant, O Lord, that your whole Church
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supped, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME FORWARD
TO RECEIVE COMMUNION OR A BLESSING**

A song or songs may be sung as people receive.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Love of all loving, your compassion is without limit. We are thirsting for you, the one who tells us: "Why be afraid? Have no fear; I am here."

THE BLESSING