

# Open Table Service - Taizé Style Evening Prayer

## Opening prayer

We are on the threshold  
between day and night  
between harvest and winter  
between the frenzy of life and the silence of death

Meet us here - living God;  
Creator who dances in the field and street.

Meet us here - wild Spirit;  
who reaches across differences.

Meet us here - light the fire,  
let the flame of the one true love  
burn bright and free.

## Chant - Laudate Dominum

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

## Canticle - A Song of the heart

(inspired by Jeremiah 31)

*In the wilderness,  
in the waste places of our lives;  
We have found your presence*

When you seemed far from us  
You found us with an everlasting love

You build us up  
When we come crashing down

You gather every different body  
That bears the labels of hurt and scars of suffering

And bring us to a place of healing  
A radical place of acceptance

You empower us to live with joy  
Confident in your boundless love.

We do not need to hide our tears  
For all we are, is known to you.

This is the new covenant, your promise  
Which you gave to your chosen people.

A love beyond the height of heaven.  
A love deeper than the earth's foundation.

A sharing of the heart and spirit.  
a knowing deeper than words can tell.

*In the wilderness,  
in the waste places of our lives;  
We have found your presence*

## 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*

## Scripture

## Reflection

## Chant - Wait for the Lord

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near  
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart  
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near  
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart*

## Prayer and meditation

## Concluding prayers

Divine love, creator God  
To be in you is to be in heaven  
May we hear the wonder  
that echoes in your name.  
May we accept no rue, but the rule of love.  
May we never tolerate the evil of hunger.  
May the hurts we cause be forgiven  
And the hurts we receive be healed.  
May we remember that we are fragile  
And cherish the life we share with all.  
For all love, life and power  
Is the gift of the Spirit. Amen.

We join hands with the living  
who are learning to love

We dance with the dead  
whose vision still lives

We pause with the angels  
who surround us with light

## Blessing

Across the threshold of light and dark,  
The blessing makes a way.  
For all who struggle and suffer,  
The blessing makes a way.  
With tired limbs and uncertain hearts  
The blessing makes a way.  
May this blessing be for all who live,  
and walk in the name of love,  
creator, sustainer and redeemer. Amen

## Final chant - Nada te turbe

*Nothing can trouble  
Nothing can frighten  
Those who seek God  
Shall never go wanting*