

BreakingBread@6



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TAIZE

September 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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Live God's Love

PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE IN THE TAIZE TRADITION

BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE

Parents, children, partners, enemies;
believers and those who cannot believe;
Christians and their fellow Christians.

From the entrance to the Church of Reconciliation at the Community of Taizé, France

“God understands every human language. Remaining close to God in silence is already prayer: your lips remain closed, but your heart is speaking to him. And, by the Holy Spirit, Christ prays in you more than you can imagine.”

- Brother Roger, founder of Taizé

We begin by centering ourselves in prayer.

We are here both to worship God and to quiet our souls.

Please note that, where our tradition permits, we use gender-neutral language to refer to God at BB@6.

Laudate, omnes gentes

First system of the musical score for 'Laudate, omnes gentes'. It features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau - Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing

Second system of the musical score for 'Laudate, omnes gentes'. It continues the melody from the first system. Above the staff, the chords A-flat, E-flat, B-flat, and C minor are indicated. The lyrics are: da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! Lau - prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing. The system ends with a 'fine' marking.

Laudate Dominum

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peo - ples!

gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your_ king - dom. The

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Collect reflects the liturgical season and summarizes the message of the Bible readings in tonight's worship.

Leader God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

The Psalms are the ancient songbook of the Jewish people.

- 1 Hallelujah!
 When Israel came out of Egypt, *
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
 and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
 Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
 and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
 you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Please stand.

It is the Church's custom to stand while the gospel is read, as we honor the words and deeds of Jesus.

Come and fill our hearts
Confitemini Domino

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 18:21-35

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in

anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Church believes about God. It was born out of the councils of Nicaea and Constantinople in the 4th century. We stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 † and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE PRAYERS

Silence

The Kyrie is sung in response to the intercessions. Each time it is sung once.



Leader Deliver us from the curse of war and the human sin that causes war.
 Deliver us from pride and unbelief that turns its back on you.
 Deliver us from national vanity that poses as patriotism; from boasting and self-worship that admits no guilt.

Kyrie

Leader Deliver us from the self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others.
 Deliver us from the lust for money or power that drives people to kill.
 Deliver us from trusting in the weapons of war, and mistrusting the councils for peace.

Kyrie

Leader Deliver us from hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations.
 Deliver us from groundless suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation.
 Deliver us from words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred; from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your promise of peace.

Kyrie

Leader O God: We pray for all your children on earth, of every nation and every race; that they may be strengthened to do your will. We pray for all who live in the midst of war, terror, and unrest.

Kyrie

Leader We pray for the Church in the world.
For the United Nations.
For international federations of labor, industry, and commerce.

Kyrie

Leader For departments of state, ambassadors, and diplomats.
For worldwide agencies of compassion, which bind wounds and feed the hungry.
For all who in any way work to further the cause of peace and goodwill.
For common folk in every land who live in peace.

Kyrie

Leader For all those we feel a need to pray for this night...

Kyrie

Silence. Worshipers may continue in prayer and reflection.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Let us confess our sins to God.

Leader and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SPECIAL DEPARTURE PRAYER

THE PEACE

Shalom. Salam. La paz del Señor.

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Please scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to leave your offering this evening. You may also leave a check or cash in the offering basket when you come for Communion.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ensemble

We have declared our praise to God in prayer and song, heard the words of God in scripture and proclamation, and now we are welcomed to the Table of the Lord. The Sursum Corda (Latin for “lift up your hearts”) is one of the most ancient parts of the service, dating to the third century.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, I)*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit,

People **you have woven our humanity;**

Leader in all our wanderings,

People **you never cease to call us to fullness of life.**

Celebrant

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

THE SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Latin for “Holy”) is a hymn based on the poem of creation in Isaiah 6:1-5.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (trad. folk melody, *Land of Rest*)
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; who, on the night he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant of my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through your powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray, and has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the early centuries of the church's history.

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread reminds us of the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. "This is my Body, which is given for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED (music during Communion: *Ensemble*)

If you wish to receive the sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from the priest instead of the Bread and Wine. Let the priest know if you would like a low-gluten wafer.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(attributed to Francis of Assisi)

Leader Let us pray.

People **God, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

We joyfully end our time of worship with the priest's Blessing, and the declaration of God's never-ending love and favor toward his people. The Dismissal sends us out from this place to love and serve others in the name of Christ.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

The kingdom of God is justice and peace

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your— king - dom. The

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Roberts Cowan by her loving daughters and grandchildren.

PRAYERS

We give thanks for the birth of new babies, especially Paige Patterson Conrad and Virginia Dare Conrad, daughters of Caroline Spore and Trip Conrad, and sisters of Cort Conrad and for Lee Fox Virgin son of Jessie and Kevin Virgin grandson of Nina and Page Davidson nephew to Ellie and John Willis Stevens and Jack Davidson.

We pray for our parishioners, especially Diane, John, Everett, Jim, Suzanne, Jan, Susan, Betty, Katherine, Erin, Peggy, Jere, Melanie, Rees, Stacey, John, Mimi, Ashby, Roger, Esther, Richard, Jerry, Betsy, Peggy, Bobby, and Taylor.

We pray for the families and friends of parishioners, especially, Rob, Hunter, Sudhir, Bernie, Cathy, Susan, Charlie, Alyssa, Glynn, Michael, Jo, Joan, Ginny, Jennifer, Kenneth, the Vicino Family, Douglas, Betty, Craig, Josh, Judy, Larry, and Staci.

We pray for those who have died, especially John S. Beasley II, husband of Allison Tidman Beasley, father of John S. Beasley III and Eleanor Nahley, father-in-law of Jeffrey Nahley and grandfather of John S. Beasley IV, Andrew McCarn Beasley, Julia Daniels Nahley and William Granville Nahley.

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CELEBRANT & PREACHER

The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

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