

“Preserving Human  
Voices and Faces”



WORLD  
COMMUNICATION  
DAY 2026

**RITE OF ADORATION OF / THE MOST  
BLESSED SACRAMENT (WITH TAIZÉ PRAYER)**



# INTRODUCTION TO THE TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY 2026

Welcome, everyone, as we gather for this special time of prayer and reflection for World Communication Day. Today we come together in the spirit of Taizé, a contemplative prayer that invites us into simplicity, silence, and communion with one another.

This year, the Church reflects on the theme “Preserving human voices and faces.” In a world where technology increasingly shapes how we communicate, we are reminded of the importance of authentic human connection – voices that speak truth, and faces that reflect the dignity of every person.

Through the silence and chants of Taizé prayer, we open our hearts to God and to one another. May this time of prayer help us listen more deeply, see each other with compassion, and communicate Christ’s love in our lives.

Let us now begin in a spirit of reverence, inviting God’s presence to be among us.



# GATHERING HYMN / EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / For Your Name is Holy

*\*The congregation is invited to kneel.*

*I enter the Holy of Holies*

*I enter through the blood of the Lamb*

*I enter to worship You only*

*I enter to honor 'I am'*

*Lord I worship You*

*I worship You*

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*I worship You*

*For Your name is Holy*

*Holy Lord*

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## SILENT ADORATION (5 Minutes)

\*The facilitator invites the congregation to gaze upon Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament with both physical eyes and the eyes of the heart, to behold the beauty of His presence. After a moment, they may sit or continue kneeling, according to their comfort.

## PSALM (Stay With Me)

*Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray... watch and pray...*

## PSALM (Laudate Omnes Gentes)

*Laudate omnes gentes,  
Laudate Dominum.*

## GOSPEL READING (Luke 24:13–35)

Holy Gospel Reading according to Luke

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other as you walk along?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things

that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going, and he appeared to be going farther. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and breaking it, he gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they

found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, who said, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## PSALM (Bless the Lord, My Soul)

*Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.*

## SILENT ADORATION (10 Minutes)

\*The facilitator invites the congregation to enter into silence and speak with Jesus in their hearts while opening their hearts to allow Jesus to speak to them personally.

## Prayer of Petition

(Each petition is followed by the singing of a Psalm.)

1. **For Restoration and Peace in Social Communication.** O God, in a world often filled with discord, make us peacemakers. Teach us to renew social communication with love and understanding, so our work becomes a sign of Your unifying love and presence.

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, when I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, come and listen to me.*

2. **For Ethical Use of Technology.** God of wisdom, guide us to use technology as a tool to connect and uplift, never to deceive or diminish the humanity of others. May all our digital words and images reflect Your truth and love.

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, when I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, come and listen to me.*

3. **For Courage to Witness Christ in Our Communication.** Lord, grant courage to those who work in Church communications to speak boldly for justice, hope, and love. May our voices proclaim Your gospel and affirm the dignity of all people.

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, when I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, come and listen to me.*

4. **For Discernment and Guidance of the Holy Spirit.** Merciful Father, give wisdom to those who communicate in Your Church. May every word and image be guided by the Spirit, fostering truth, understanding, and authentic encounter.

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, when I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, come and listen to me.*

5. **For Unity and Respect in Human Interaction.**

God of peace, help us to honor the voice and face of every person we meet, in our media, our ministry, and our daily lives. Teach us to build bridges of dialogue, empathy, and reconciliation.

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, when I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my  
prayer, come and listen to me.*

## OUR FATHER (Sung)

*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. Amen.*

# Down In Adoration Falling

\*The congregation is invited to kneel until the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the Tabernacle.

*Down in adoration falling,  
This great sacrament we hail;  
Over ancient forms of worship  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
When our human senses fail.*

*To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son who made us free,  
And the Spirit, God proceeding  
From them each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen.*

Priest : You have given them bread from heaven

**All : Containing in itself all sweetness.**

Priest : Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your Body and Blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All : Amen.**

## Benediction

\*The Altar Server places the Humeral Veil on the priest. When the Blessed Sacrament is elevated, the altar bell is rung continuously until the Blessed Sacrament is placed back on the altar.

## Closing Hymn (O Sacrament Most Holy)

\*When the Blessed Sacrament is in the Tabernacle and the Tabernacle has been closed, the congregation stands

*O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving be every  
moment Thine!*