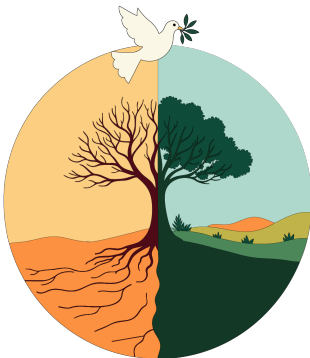


# Interfaith & Care For Creation

## Taizé Service



*Garden of Peace*

Isaiah 32:14-18

**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

## Taizé Ecumenical Service

### Entrance Chant.

All. In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice  
Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near  
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### Celebrant 1. Welcome and Introduction.

**“For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks Until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.**

**Reader 1** God's plan for creation was justice and peace but through sin, humanity has broken its relationship with God, with one another and the rest of Creation. In this reading Isaiah describes Creation being in ruins. The devastated cities and wastelands reflect the destructive impact that human activities can have on our earthly home. The animals are reclaiming the city but only because conflict has forced humans to abandon it. This passage from Isaiah was written about 800 years before the birth of Christ but it could have been written for today..

**Reader 2** . Over 120 armed conflicts are taking place in the world today. Violations of international law are destroying basic human rights. In 2024, 123.2 million people were forcibly displaced. This is driven by persecution, climate change, human rights violations, pollution, deforestation, mining, etc., as well as the armed conflicts. Through our unsustainable lifestyles, our excessive consumption, the pollution we create, our throwaway culture, human trafficking, the lack of respect for the sanctity of life, etc., we are also declaring war on Creation on a daily basis.

### Celebrant 1 Prayer

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears, to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.  
Amen

### Chant. Nada te turbo, nada te espante quien a Dios tiene nada le falta

(Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, he who has God lacks nothing)

### Nada te turbo, nada te espante solo Dios basta

(Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, God alone suffices)

## **Celebrant 2. Isaiah 32: 14-16**

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**Reader 3.** After painting a bleak picture of how man’s actions have destroyed creation, Isaiah presents hope. He suggests that real and lasting change in our hearts and on earth can only come about through the divine intervention. When the Spirit moves, barren or broken things become productive and just. God’s justice and righteousness are the results of spiritual renewal, not just human effort.

### **Reader 4**

Hope involves prayer, action, and reconciling ourselves with Creation and the Creator through repentance and solidarity. Creation is God’s sacred gift, entrusted to our care. Christians are called to protect and nurture Creation in peace, working in partnership with others and passing this responsibility on to future generations. Its deep interconnectedness makes peace both essential and fragile.

### **Celebrant 2 Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness.  
Shake us of our complacency.  
Whisper our names once more,  
and scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon.  
Break open the prisons of our inner being,  
and let your raging justice be our sign of liberty.

### **Chant**

**All. Veni Sancte Spiritus (repeating chant ).**

### **Choir**

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.

Most kindly warming light! Enter the inmost depths of our hearts, for we are faithful to you. Without your presence we have nothing worthy, nothing pure.

On all who put their trust in you and receive you in faith, shower all your gifts. Grant that they may grow in you and persevere to the end. Give them lasting

**Celebrant 3 Isaiah 32;14- 18.**

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**Reader 5**

God’s plan for Creation is rooted in justice and peace. In the Hebrew Bible, peace or shalom, represents a concept much deeper than simply the absence of conflict. It represents wholeness, harmony, and well-being in all areas of life. Living righteously before God produces a life of calm stability or security. Shalom extends to the full restoration of our broken relationships with God, ourselves and the rest of Creation.

**Reader 6** Isaiah reveals the blessings that follow when people live righteously. When we live righteously, meaning in alignment with God’s will, the outcome is peace. These aren’t momentary feelings but lasting conditions. God’s people will live in peace, not just spiritually but also socially and physically. Their homes and communities will be marked by tranquility and security

**Celebrant 3 Prayer.**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,  
Grant that I 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**

**Chant All Adoramus Te Dominus Deus (Lord, We Worship You)**

Choir. With the angels and archangels

With the apostles and evangelists

With all who witness to the Gospel of the Lord

With all your people of the Church throughout the world.

**Closing Words**

**Final Prayer and Blessing**

**Final Chant All. Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum, omnes, gentes, alleluia**

**(Oh praise the Lord all ye nations )**

