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in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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*Sunday*



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

# About Taizé

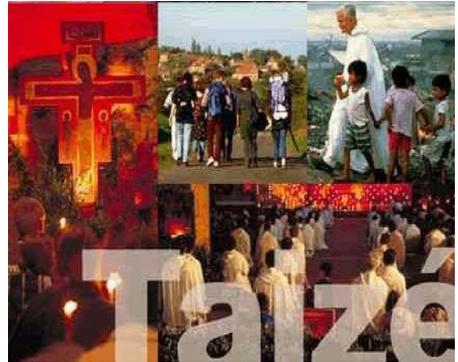
*"Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with men determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the center of everything." – Brother Roger*



Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

The brothers of the community live solely by their work. They do not accept donations. In the same way, they do not accept personal inheritances for themselves; the community gives them to the very poor.

Certain brothers live in some of the disadvantaged places in the world, to be witnesses of peace there, alongside people who are suffering. These small groups of brothers, in Asia, Africa and South America, share the living conditions of the people around them. They strive to be a presence of love among the very poor, street children, prisoners, the dying, and those who are wounded by broken relationships, or who have been abandoned.



Over the years, young adults have been coming to Taizé in ever greater numbers; they come from every continent to take part in weekly meetings.

*"Renouncing from now on all thought of looking back, and joyful with boundless gratitude, never fear to run ahead of the dawn, to praise and bless and sing Christ your Lord." – The Life Profession*

Find out more at: <http://www.taize.fr/en>

# The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims

Processional Hymn.....In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

## Opening Chant

*All standing, the Presider says*

*Presider:* Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.

*People:* **And fill us with celestial fire!**

*Presider:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God is with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* 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.**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

**A**t that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children,  
they have no understanding.  
They are skilled in doing evil,  
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,

and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.  
For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will  
not make a full end.  
Because of this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above grow black;  
for I have spoken, I have purposed;  
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm**

Psalm 14

*Dixit insipiens*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### **The Second Reading**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,  
because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even  
though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of vio-

lence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Hymn and reading of the Gospel.*

**Gospel Hymn**.....The Kingdom of God

**The Gospel**

Luke 15:1-10

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Affirmation of Faith

*Presider:* Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

*People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

*People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

*Presider:* Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

*People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers Of The People

*Presider:* We pray for God to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* Generous God, we thank you for the power of your  
Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to  
serve you better. Come Holy Spirit,

*People:* **Renew your people.**

*Reader:* We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We  
ask you to make us wise to understand your will.  
Come Holy Spirit,

*People:* **Renew your people.**

*Reader:* We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We  
ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever  
you call us. Come Holy Spirit,

*People:* **Renew your people.**

*Reader:* We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We

ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We pray especially for those we name: *(list the sick)* Are there others? Come Holy Spirit,

**People:** **Renew your people.**

*Reader:* We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Come Holy Spirit,

**People:** **Renew your people.**

*Reader:* We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit

**People:** **Renew your people.**

*Reader:* We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Come Holy Spirit,

**People:** **Renew your people.**

*Presider:* Wise and loving God, who rejuvenates and enlivens our days: Give to the Diocese of Missouri congregations engaged in the "Requiem or Renaissance" process the courage to assess honestly, the wisdom to discern your path forward rightly, and the gratitude to continually praise you, who live and reign with the Son and Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All:** **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in

all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.*

### Holy Communion

*Presider:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn.....Tui amoris ignem

### Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself,

as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Presider:* Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Presider then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**.....WLP #827 O Lord, hear my prayer

**Post Communion Prayer**

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

*Presider:* God is with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

***People:* Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race, people and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*The Presider blesses the people, first saying*

*Presider:* May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life she gives. May the Spirit, who overshadowed Mary the Godbearer when the eternal Son came among us,

make you joyful in the service of the Lord.  
May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the  
Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love  
of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God  
almighty...

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn**.....Lord, Jesus Christ

**Dismissal**

*Presider:* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**.....Mary Mims

**Servers**

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Carl Muench
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Reader</i>	Shiela Thiele
<i>Greeter</i>	Karen Cain
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Paula Fetherston
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	Toni Alexander
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Gina Thomas
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims



# O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

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When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

Am/C D Em/G Am7 B7 Em

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

# Lord Jesus Christ/Jésus le Christ



Lord Je -sus Christ, your light shines with -in us. Let not my doubts nor my dark -ness speak to me.



Lord Je -sus Christ, your light shines with -in us, Let my heart al -ways wel -come your love.



# Notes on the Service

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 8:18-9:1 • Ps 79:1-9 • I Tim 2:1-7 • Lk 16:1-13

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September 14 will be Holy Cross Day, an autumnal echo of spring's commemoration of the lynching of Christ on Good Friday. Accordingly, today's readings brood on human sinfulness.

The collect, from 8th century Gaul, expresses the Augustinian doctrine that human beings are, without God, unable to please God: *tibi sine te placere non possemus*. Without God we can do no good (including to repent). Luke might say, lost sheep can't rescue themselves.

Jeremiah put it this way: My people "are skilled in doing evil, but how to do good they know not," as in today's first reading. The prophet is envisioning the ruin of Judah by an army as devastating as the sirocco, the desiccating desert wind. So destructive will it be that the world will seem to have reverted to primeval chaos, the earth void, the heavens without light, black. This disaster is God's judgment on Israel's sins, says Jeremiah, forewarning of the invasion by Babylon's army in 597 B.C.

The psalmist put it this way: "All are corrupt...there is none who does any good." Psalm 14 is an almost-exact duplicate of Psalm 53, except that they use different names for God. A plausible explanation of this duplication is that the present Psalter is a compilation of earlier collections which must have included the same hymn text. The last verse dates both psalms from after the exile which had swept Judah as Jeremiah had predicted.

For this and the next two Sundays, epistles are from I Timothy. In its opening, the author describes Paul as having been the worst of sinners, persecuting Christians before Christ appeared to him and he repented and joined the movement. The sentence, "this is a true saying... came...to save sinners," is one of the "comfortable words" in the Rite One Eucharist. The doxology, "Unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God..."[KJV] opens W.C.Smith's grand hymn #423.

In response to criticism about his consorting with sinners, Jesus tells parables about God's joy over a sinner's repentance, in contrast with God's anger over sin, as pictured by Jeremiah. Also appearing in Matthew, the lost sheep parable echoes Isaiah passages calling Israel "strayed sheep" and promising God will carry home his lost sheep. Appearing only in Luke, the lost coin parable intensifies the helplessness of the lost who lack ability to find God, and it stresses God's concern for them. Luke will follow these two parables with his more famous parable of the lost son, who is capable of repentance. (That parable of the Prodigal Son was read during Lent.)

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Thank you for coming to Christ Episcopal Church.

We hope to see you again soon.



*We are a community forgiven and loved by God,  
joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.*

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