

In the name of the father...

**Taizè song:** Laudate Dominum. Laudate Dominum. Omnes! Gentes! Alleluia!  
(x5)

### **Psalm 35 (36)**

#### **The sinner's wickedness; God's goodness**

*In your light, God, we see light.*

Evil whispers to the sinner in the depths of his heart:  
the fear of God does not stand before his eyes.

Evil's flattering light disguises his wickedness,  
so that he does not hate it.

His words are false and deceitful,  
he no longer considers how to do good.

Even when in bed he plots mischief;  
he follows the wrong path; he does not hate malice.

Lord, your mercy fills the heavens,  
your faithfulness rises to the sky.

Your justice is like the mountains of God,  
your judgements are like the deeps of the sea.

Lord, you protect both men and beasts.  
How precious is your kindness, O God!

The sons of men will take shelter under your wings;  
they will eat their fill from the riches of your house,  
drink all they want from the stream of your joy.

For with you is the spring of life-giving water.  
In your light we shall see true light.

Hold out your mercy to those who know you,  
offer your justice to the upright in heart.

Let me not be crushed under the heels of the proud,  
nor dispossessed by the hands of sinners.

The doers of evil have fallen where they stood,  
they are cast down and cannot rise.

**All together > Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.**

**Amen.**

*In your light, God, we see light.*

## **Canticle Judith 16**

### **The Lord, creator of the world, protects his people**

*Lord, you are great, you are glorious, you are wonderfully strong.*

Make music to my God with drums,  
sing to my Lord with cymbals.  
Begin a new song to him,  
extol and call upon his name.

You are the God who crushes battle-lines,  
you set up your camp among your people,  
you save me from the grip of my persecutors.

I will sing a new song to God:  
Lord, you are great and glorious,  
wonderful in your unconquerable power.

Let all your creatures serve you,  
for you spoke and they were made,  
you sent forth your spirit, and they were created:  
there is no-one who can resist your command.

For the mountains will be shaken to their roots,  
the seas will be stirred up,  
at your sight the rocks will melt like wax –  
but to those who fear you,  
you will show your loving kindness.

**All together: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Lord, you are great, you are glorious, you are wonderfully strong.*

## **John 4**

### **Jesus and the Samaritan Woman**

Jesus left Judea and started for Galilee again. This time he had to go through Samaria, and on his way he came to the town of Sychar. It was near the field that Jacob had long ago given to his son Joseph. - The well that Jacob had dug was still there, and Jesus sat down beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well.

Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?"

"You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?"

Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life."

"Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water? Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life."

The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again."

Jesus told her, "Go and bring your husband."

- The woman answered, "I don't have a husband."

"That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have already been married five times, and the man you are now living with isn't your husband."

The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. My ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say Jerusalem is the only place to worship."

Jesus said to her:

Believe me, the time is coming when you won't worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans don't really know the one you worship. But we Jews do know the God we worship, and by using us, God will

save the world. But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now the true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. These are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth.

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

"I am that one," Jesus told her, "and I am speaking to you now."

The disciples returned about this time and were surprised to find Jesus talking with a woman. But none of them asked him what he wanted or why he was talking with her.

The woman left her water jar and ran back into town. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?" Everyone in town went out to see Jesus.

While this was happening, Jesus' disciples were saying to him, "Teacher, please eat something."

But Jesus told them, "I have food that you don't know anything about."

His disciples started asking each other, "Has someone brought him something to eat?"

Jesus said:

My food is to do what God wants! He is the one who sent me, and I must finish the work that he gave me to do. You may say that there are still four months until harvest time. But I tell you to look, and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest.

Even now the harvest workers are receiving their reward by gathering a harvest that brings eternal life. Then everyone who planted the seed and everyone who harvests the crop will celebrate together. So the saying proves true, "Some plant the seed, and others harvest the crop." I am sending you to harvest crops in fields where others have done all the hard work.

A lot of Samaritans in that town put their faith in Jesus because the woman had said, "This man told me everything I have ever done." They came and asked him to stay in their town, and he stayed on for two days.

Many more Samaritans put their faith in Jesus because of what they heard him say. They told the woman, "We no longer have faith in Jesus just because of what you told us. We have heard him ourselves, and we are certain that he is the Savior of the world!"

## **Prayers and intercessions**

We give thanks to Christ and we praise him because he was not ashamed to call us his brothers.

**– Lord Jesus, we are your brothers.**

Help us to live the new life of Easter,  
so that men may know through us the power of your love.

**– Lord Jesus, we are your brothers**

Every day is a proof of your love:  
as you bring us to this new day, make us new in mind and in heart.

**– Lord Jesus, we are your brothers**

Teach us to see you present in all men;  
help us to recognize you most of all in those who suffer.

**– Lord Jesus, we are your brothers**

May our lives today be filled with your compassion;  
give us the spirit of forgiveness and a generous heart.

**– Lord Jesus, we are your brothers**

## **Our Father...**

### **Blessing:**

Lord God, in a wonderful way, through the folly of the cross, you taught your martyr Saint Justin the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Heed his prayer for us: dispel every deceiving error,  
and ground us firmly in our faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Amen!**

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Taize song:** Laudate omnes gentes, Laudate Dominum, Laudate omnes gentes, Laudate Dominum. (x5)