

Ecumenical Prayer of Taizé | Friday 14 March 2025 at 20:30

Basilica of San Gennaro ad Antignano, Via San Gennaro ad Antignano, 6 – 80134 Naples

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:1-3)



Use the booklet to sing along

Canon Tui amoris ignam n° 14

Psalm 51 (50) | Canon | Refrain (Blessed are you poor) n° 114

Behold, I was born in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. But in my inmost being you delight in truth; in the secret of my heart you teach me wisdom. **Rit.**

Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me. **Rit.**

I will teach the transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. **Rit.**

Lord, open my lips and my mouth will proclaim your praise. **Rit.**

Reading | Matthew 3, 1 - 3 | Dare to Believe - Brother Alois of Taizé

Canon | Bless the Lord (5).....silence follows

Prayer of Intercession (Kyrie eleison)

Our Father

Concluding prayer

Prayer around the Cross

Canons | In manus tuas Pater (30) | Nada te turbe (50) | The Lord restores you (153)



Next appointment Friday 11 April 2025 at 20:30



Matthew 3, 1 - 3

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' "

(Dare to Believe - Brother Alois of Taizé)

Initially, Lent directs our thoughts towards the image of the desert, the one in which Jesus spent forty days of solitude, or the one he walked through the people of God for forty years.

Brother Roger loved to remind us, when these weeks before Easter returned, that Lent is not a time of austerity or sadness, nor a time to cultivate guilt, but a time to sing the joy of forgiveness. He saw Lent as forty days to prepare to rediscover small springs in our lives.

At the beginning of the Gospel of Saint Matthew, when John the Baptist proclaims "repent!", he means "turn to God!".

Concluding prayer

Jesus, love of all love, your compassion has no limit. We thirst for you, for you who tell us: "Why be afraid? Fear nothing, I am here".