40th Anniversary of the Assisi Day of Prayer for Peace 800th Anniversary of the Death of St Francis

Day of the Spirit of Assisi

Part I · Prayer for Christian Unity and Peace

"For he is our peace." (Ephesians 2:14)

Friday, 30 October 2026, 2 p.m. Chapel of the Franciscan Friary, Jeong-dong, Seoul

Dialogue Commission · Order of Friars Minor (Korea)

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Words on Peace from a Western Father — St Caesarius of Arles (c. 470–542)

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." (John 14:27)

Peace is truly the clarity of the mind, the tranquillity of the soul, the simplicity of the heart, the bond of love and the fellowship of charity.

Peace takes away hatred, puts an end to wars, restrains anger, humbles the proud and loves the humble.

Peace reconciles those who are at variance and makes enemies friends with one another.

Peace brings joy to all.

Peace does not covet what belongs to another, nor does it count anything as its own.

Peace teaches us to love, for it does not know how to hate.

Peace does not know how to exalt itself, nor how to be puffed up with pride.

Peace is humble and gentle towards all.

Peace itself is rest, is tranquillity, is peace.

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When a Christian lives this peace, that peace is made perfect in Christ.

Whoever loves this peace becomes an heir of God.

But whoever despises peace sets himself against Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, returning to the Father, left one inheritance to those who follow him.

That inheritance was his peace.

Therefore the Lord said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

Let the one who has received this peace, keep it.

Let the one who has lost peace, seek it again.

Let the one who has let peace slip away, ask for it once more.

For one of the most precious inheritances that Christ has left us is peace.

From Sermon 174, "On the Good of Peace according to John" (English rendered from the Korean text)

Words on Peace from an Eastern Father

[To be provided by His Eminence] A text on peace from the Eastern Fathers, recommended by His Eminence, will be printed here in the Greek original with an English translation.

Order of Prayer

1 Opening Chant

Taizé · repeated 3–5 times

All gather their hearts in song.

2 Psalm

Taizé Magnificat Psalm 130 (129), a Song of Ascents

The Magnificat is sung 3–5 times; the verses of the psalm are read in turn, each answered by the Magnificat.

1) Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. ℣ *Magnificat*

2) Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. ℣ *Magnificat*

3) If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? ℣ *Magnificat*

4) But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. ℣ *Magnificat*

5) I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. ℣ *Magnificat*

6) My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. ℣ *Magnificat*

7) Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. ℣ *Magnificat*

8) And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. ℣ *Magnificat*

3 Reading

Ephesians 2:14-22 · in Greek and Korean

Reading in Greek → Reading in Korean → Taizé chant (3–5 times)

One in Christ

Greek — Orthodox reader

14 Αὐτὸς γάρ ἐστιν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἓν καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν
ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ,

15 τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασι καταργήσας, ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἕνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον ποιῶν
εἰρήνην,

16 καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἑνὶ σώματι τῷ Θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ·

17 καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς·

18 ὅτι δι᾽ αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἑνὶ Πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν Πατέρα.

19 ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολῖται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ Θεοῦ,

20 ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,

21 ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα ἡ οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὔξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν Κυρίῳ,

22 ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν Πνεύματι.

English (for reference)

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

4 Silence

We remain together in silence with the Word.

5 Intercessions

Taizé refrain after each petition

Leader Brothers and sisters, within our different traditions we call upon the same Lord. Let us pray with one heart to God, the source of all peace.

1. Orthodox

Lord of light and peace, remember the holy Churches of the East and the Orthodox community in Korea. May those who call upon you in the silence of the heart, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me," be illumined by your light, and may that quiet peace flow out into their families, their neighbours and the whole world.

℟ Taizé refrain

2. Anglican

Lord, who have given us the ministry of reconciliation (cf. 2 Cor 5:18), look upon this Korean peninsula that carries the pain of division. Loosen the fear and hatred in our hearts, and grant that all people of South and North may meet again on the path of dialogue and reconciliation and sit together at one table.

℟ Taizé refrain

3. Protestant

Lord, Word of life, remember the creation that you made and saw to be good, and the refugees and migrants who have lost their homes through war, disaster and poverty. Grant that we may work together beyond the walls of our churches for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

℟ Taizé refrain

4. Catholic

Father, who call all people to be one, renew in us today the hope of those who gathered in Assisi forty years ago, from many Churches and religions, to pray together for peace. On the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis, give us his courage, who met the Sultan at Damietta as a brother, and make us instruments of your peace.

℟ Taizé refrain

Leader Lord, hear the prayers we have spoken and those we hold in our hearts, and make us one. Through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

6 The Lord's Prayer

Each in the words and language of their own Church.

7 Concluding Prayer

His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrosios

[To be provided by His Eminence] Text of the prayer (in English)

℣ Amen.

8 Closing Chant

Taizé · repeated 3–5 times

Part II follows immediately. Please remain in the chapel.

Part II — Lecture

[To be provided by His Eminence] Title · Outline · Summary — To be provided by His Eminence — proposed theme: Hesychasm and Inner Peace: From the Silence of the Heart to the Peace of the World

Speaker: His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea

Ecumenical Patriarchate · Orthodox Metropolis of Korea and Exarchate of Japan

Interpretation: translation team of the Metropolis

- **15:00** Introduction of the speaker
- **15:05** Lecture (with consecutive interpretation)
- **16:45** Words of thanks
- **16:55** Blessing by His Eminence