## **Taize Songs**

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus. Confitemini Domino. Alleluia! (Give thanks to the Lord for he is good)

> Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless, the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch take heart!

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust, in God I trust.

Ubi caritas et amor.
Ubi caritas
Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and love, there is God)

Sing praise and bless the Lord. Sing praise and bless the Lord, Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, that never dies away.

## Grain

### Genesis 27.28

May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.

#### Genesis 41.17-27

Then Pharaoh said to
Joseph, 'I fell asleep a
second time and I saw in
my dream seven ears of
grain, full and good,
growing on one stalk, and
seven ears, withered, thin,
and blighted by the east
wind, sprouting after them;
and the thin ears swallowed



up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me.'

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, 'God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good ears are seven good years. The seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine.

### Genesis 41.35,49

'Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.' So Joseph stored up grain in such abundance—like the sand of the sea—that he stopped measuring it; it was beyond measure.

# Leviticus 2.4

When you present a grain-offering baked in the oven, it shall be of choice flour, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers spread with oil.

### Deuteronomy 7.13

The Lord your God will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock, in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you. He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil.

### **Deuteronomy 23.25**

If you go into your neighbour's standing grain, you may pluck the ears with your hand, but you shall not put a sickle to your neighbour's standing grain.

### **Deuteronomy 25.4**

You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.

## Ruth 2.2,14

And Ruth the
Moabite said to
Naomi, 'Let me go to
the field and glean
among the ears of
grain, behind
someone in whose
sight I may find
favour.' She said to
her, 'Go, my
daughter.'



At mealtime Boaz said to her, 'Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine.' So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.

## 1 Samuel 17.17

Jesse said to his son David, 'Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers.

## Psalm 4.7-8

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

### Psalm 65.9-13

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

The valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

# Psalm 78.24

He rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

### **Ecclesiasticus 40.22**

The eye desires grace and beauty, but the green shoots of grain more than either.

#### Matthew 12.1-6

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, 'Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.' He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests.'

### John 12.24-25

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.



What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

Slow reading..... with pauses

Matthew 13 (part)

Silent Prayer.....

We bless you, God of seed, grain and harvest, and we bless each other; that the beauty of this world, and the love that created it, might be expressed though our lives and be a blessing to others, now and always, Amen.