



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille  
with Aix-en-Provence  
and the Luberon*

*4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent*

*Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by our Chaplain, The Reverend Jamie Johnston, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

*The service will be in two parts. Reader Jane Quarmby will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace, the Chaplain will celebrate the Eucharist and we will share in an act of Spiritual Communion, the prayer used where it is not possible for communicants physically to receive consecrated bread and wine.*

**The Gathering**

*The minister says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*    **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All*    **and also with you.**

## Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvvEQkspJxY>

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come, then, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast  
And furnished for so great a guest.  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward.  
Without thy grace our souls must fade  
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thy hand to heal us all  
And make us rise to fall no more  
Once more upon thy people shine  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore  
And Spirit blest for evermore. Amen.

*Words: Charles Coffin, trad. John Chandler (1806-1876)*

*Tune: Winchester, Musikalisches Handbuch – harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

## Prayer of Preparation

*All* **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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 Advent Wreath

*The second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit and the following prayer is said:*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Of old you spoke by the mouths of your prophets,  
but in our days you speak through your Son,  
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,  
that we may be found ready and watching,  
when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The minister says*

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

*cf John 1.23*

Heavenly Father,  
you call us to repent of our sins:  
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you declared the forgiveness of God:  
teach us to forgive one another.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you search our hearts and show us the truth:  
direct us in your way of righteousness.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The minister says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The minister says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

**Reading**

**Isaiah 11.1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 72.1-7,18,19**

1     Give the king your judgements, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

2     Then shall he judge your people righteously \*  
and your poor with justice.

3     May the mountains bring forth peace, \*  
and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people, \*  
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, \*  
like the showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, \*  
and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wonderful things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever. \*  
May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading**

### **Romans 15.4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFzbxnMnxZc>

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

*Words: Frederick L. Hosmer (1840-1929)*

*Tune: Irish, from Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1749*

## Gospel Reading

## Matthew 3.1-12

*The minister says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

**All Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection**

Last week I was on a diocesan training course in Germany. It reminded me how dark it gets in northern Europe at this time of year - days when it barely seems to get light as thick cloud

covers the landscape, and by mid-afternoon such light as there is beginning to fade. It was a relief to get back to Provence with its blue skies. Darkness and light are prominent as we move deeper into Advent.

The training course was held in the Kardinal Schulte Haus conference centre in Cologne. The building opened in 1929 as a seminary for training Jesuit priests. Twelve years later, it was commandeered by the Gestapo during the Second World War. Now the building is back to training priests again. Those 'sandwich years' of occupation during the War served as a reminder of the darkness and light found in human behaviour. The chapel in the conference centre is dedicated to Edith Stein, the German Jewish philosopher who became a Carmelite nun and who died at Auschwitz. The chapel is furnished almost entirely with metal, the pews decorated with a motif of barbed wire. I thought of my father, a prisoner of war, and how grim he would have found the chapel furniture.

I thought also of Alfred Delp, the German Jesuit priest executed in 1945 for his opposition to Nazism. Shortly before he died, Delp wrote a powerful reflection from his prison cell entitled 'The Shaking Reality of Advent'. It begins with the words: 'There is perhaps nothing we modern people need more than to be genuinely shaken up'. He notes how in the years leading up to the War people had been living with a false sense of security, but that it is when we feel our world shaking that we are able to face reality, to 'awaken from sleep', as St Paul urges, and (in Delp's words) to 'put things back where God the Lord put them', to 'set our life in God's order'.

To some extent, our times too carry a sense of being shaken in the way Delp described (though he was living through a more extreme crisis). Covid, Ukraine, economic turmoil, shortages, strikes, the climate emergency. Delp wrote: 'Advent is a time when we ought to be shaken and brought to a realisation of ourselves. The necessary condition for the fulfilment of Advent is the renunciation of the presumptuous attitudes and alluring dreams ... by ... which we always build ourselves imaginary worlds.' It is very much the message of our Gospel reading this morning, as John the Baptist proclaims: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

At this point, Delp's reflection shifts in tone. He points out that 'shocked awakening' is not our only experience of Advent. Advent is also blessed with God's promises, which 'kindle the inner light in our hearts'. In the midst of our bitter awakening, 'the golden threads that pass between heaven and earth ... reach us', giving the world a taste of the abundance it can have. Advent is a time of inner security, in which our task is to share its message of hope with others.

Delp observed that in his time (and the same is surely true of our own): 'So many need their courage strengthened, so many are in despair and in need of consolation, there is so much harshness that needs a gentle hand and an illuminating word, so much loneliness crying out for a word of release, so much loss and pain in search of inner meaning.' Advent is the

promise denoting the new order of things, though we must wait for the promise to be realised. The reflection ends: 'Just beyond the horizon the eternal realities stand silent in their age-old longing. There shines on us the first ... light of the radiant fulfilment to come.' I don't know how someone writes that in the face of execution, but Alfred Delp did. In one of his last letters, he wrote: 'All of life is Advent.'

The persistent thought I had during the days spent at Kardinal Schulte Haus, conscious of its 'sandwich years', was that in the 1940s good had triumphed over evil. Evil continues to stalk humanity. It is real and it is there. We need look no further than Ukraine. But ultimately good is stronger. That's the message of the incarnation, in the great prologue of St John the Evangelist which we will hear again at Christmas: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.'

Last week the results were published of a census taken in the United Kingdom in 2021. For the first time, in answer to the question on the census form 'What is your religion?', less than half the population replied 'Christian'. Instead, for their religion, they put 'none'. Predictably, the secular organisations have been crowing. Yet I wonder what the answer would have been if the question had been put in a different way: 'Do you believe there is a spiritual dimension to existence?' or 'Do you believe in the ultimate power of good to triumph over evil?' I suspect many more than half of the respondents would answer 'yes' to questions like that.

The challenge for the church is to reach with its message of hope those people who write 'none' on their census forms, many of whom 'are in despair and in need of consolation', who find themselves in 'so much loss and pain in search of inner meaning'. Those longing to translate the mystery and wonder and pain and beauty of human existence into something that makes sense to them. We notice this longing particularly in Advent. People have been ringing the chaplaincy since September asking what we are doing at Christmas. 'Longing for light, we wait in darkness', in the words of the hymn writer. For, however they fill out their forms, people long for light in the darkness. They long for a time when wars will cease, when creation will live in harmony and everyone will find meaning and purpose in the knowledge of the ultimate goodness that lies at the heart things. In short, for the vision articulated in the extract from the Book of the prophet Isaiah which we heard this morning.

The extract is full of the prophet's hope of the promised Messiah, the Christ, who was to come:

'The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them ...  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain...'

That's why this reading is included in the service of Nine Lessons and Carols which we will hear again at Christmas. It's one of the nine extracts from Scripture which the Bidding Prayer in that service calls 'the tale of the loving purposes of God'. Dean Eric Milner-Write, who wrote the prayer in the shadow of the First World War, and introduced the reading from Isaiah with the words 'The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown', understood that Easter was the embodiment of what this passage is about. For Easter is a new dawn, a reconciliation of creation, an overcoming of death, a proclamation of a justice that is not about vengeance. And the reason we are here today is to celebrate the fact that there was such a person as Jesus of Nazareth whom we call the Christ, and to walk in his footsteps. So let us start walking, and bring some hope to those around us.

Amen.

*The Revd Jamie Johnston, Chaplain*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers**

In God's power, in his peace, in his presence, we place ourselves today.

Holy God, Holy and Strong One, Holy and Mighty One, protect us by your power, provide us with your peace, fill our lives with your presence, and awaken us to your coming; through Jesus Christ the King of Glory, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Lord of righteousness, you yearn for the salvation of your people. Forgive your church as it wastes its gifts and misuses its resources. Increase in us deeper relationships and greater sensitivity. Give us a zeal for your gospel and to proclaim your love. Let our lives be good examples to others. We pray for our chaplaincy, to which we belong, that it may be open to you. We pray for the work of the whole church and all who minister within it, that it may proclaim you.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for King Charles, President Macron and all world leaders, that they may discover the road that leads to peace, that they may accept the peace you offer them, that captives may be freed, the oppressed find relief, the weary find rest, the hungry find sustenance and the homeless shelter. We pray especially for President Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine, and for President Putin, that he may change his policy of aggression and allow the process of peace-making to begin. We pray for all who suffer

through conflict and violence, for relief organisations and all who seek to bring in your kingdom of justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that our hearts may be opened to your coming in others, to see you in our loved ones, to see you in our neighbours and friends; that we may welcome you in the stranger and the needy; that we may serve you in the service of others.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that the ill and the housebound may behold traces of your glory; that the despairing and depressed may find new hope, that the lonely and the neglected may know your love, that those who walk in darkness may know your light, that all in weakness may find strength in you. From our community we pray particularly for Malcolm, Peter, Françoise, Gabrielle, Margaret, Eddie, Robert and Susan, and in a moment of silence we bring before you those we know who need our prayers at this time.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn, that you will bring them hope and comfort, that the departed may rejoice in eternal life, and be numbered with your saints in glory. We remember especially The Reverend Alan Clarkson, whose funeral is this week, and we pray for his family and friends.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

God of passion and power,  
Insistent, immediate,  
Challenging, compelling us with your story's breathless beginning.  
Walk us into the wilderness  
To hear your voice where silence reigns.  
Give us insight, the vision beyond all seeing,  
So we may look upon heavens torn open  
And know that the time of good news for all creation  
Is always now.

Merciful Father,  
*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The minister says*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

*Author: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The celebrant says*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

*All*    **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

*All*    **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All*    **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*    **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory

for ever praising you and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
que ton règne vienne,  
que ta volonté soit faite,  
sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.**

**Pardonne-nous nos offenses,  
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;  
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,  
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The celebrant says*

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.*

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

**Music** Adam lay ybounden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jRY8O7YX1Q>

*Words: anon, 15th century*

*Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)*

Adam lay ybounden  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden  
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never Our Lady  
A-been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen  
*Deo gracias, Deo gracias!*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HzyGCoqIGE>

Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze,  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with loving eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to know  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him shall all the earth be blest.

*Words: Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865), adapted  
Tune: Little Cornard – Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

## **Blessing**

*The Chaplain says*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

*The minister says*

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*    **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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