



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

*5th February 2023
Third Sunday before Lent*

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 Revd Jamie Johnston, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

The service will be in two parts. The Chaplain will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace, he 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= 2mpY0NahNQ>

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In ev'ry part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.

Praise in the common things of life,
Its goings out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean.

Fill ev'ry part of me with praise:
Let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
The praise and glory due;
And so shall I begin on earth
The song for ever new.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune: Richmond – adapted from Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The minister says

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

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

All say:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

The minister says

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58.1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112.1-9

- 1 Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land, *
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.
- 5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending *
and order their affairs with justice,
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; *
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear, *
until they see the downfall of their foes.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever; *
their head will be exalted with honour.

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

1 Corinthians 2.1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a

demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him' —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zr9SMm1gII>

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Words and music: Dan L. Schutte (b. 1947)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.13-20

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

cf. Matthew 4.4

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.**

Jesus said: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

There are times when I look at a set of Sunday readings and wonder what the church compilers were thinking when they grouped them together. Today is probably one of those Sundays. It always raises two questions: what did the Bible passages mean for their original hearers, and what might they mean for us now?

We begin with the 'who what why when where' questions that arise when we read any extract from the Bible. Our understanding is deepened once we know more about who it was written by and for, what sort of text it is (history, teaching, prophecy, poetry, polemic), why it was written (is it a reflection on an event that has already happened, or the hope of an event yet to come, or a piece written to persuade others of a truth or a point of view?), and when it was written (was it at the time of the events described, like Paul's Letters, or some years later looking back at them, like the Gospels?).

That's a lot of things to think about when we come across a piece of Scripture, but it's always rewarding. I notice, for example, that none of the women here this morning are wearing hats. In my childhood they invariably did, and there were also no women clergy then. But didn't St Paul write that women should keep their heads covered in church and be silent? He did, but our understanding of what he meant has been enhanced through a better understanding of the context of his words, written to a particular community at a particular time in a particular place. Only then can we ask intelligently what they might mean for us today. So, ladies, please keep talking and singing, and Roxana, Jane and Christine, please keep preaching. And if any of you wish to wear a hat, remember that (at least in the Church of England) it is now possible for it to be a bishop's mitre.

So what would our readings today have meant to their earliest hearers? A glib response might be that usually in the Old Testament it's about Israel and usually in the New Testament it's about Jesus. And sometimes it's both.

The New Testament scholar Tom Wright has an interesting take on the combination of our readings today. He points out that Isaiah's stinging rebuke in chapter 58 contains the seeds of the Sermon of the Mount, which is where the words from St Matthew in our Gospel this morning are taken. Isaiah was insisting that true piety must be part of an outward movement to share your blessing with the world. Fasting is useless if injustice is not being challenged. Look after those in need, and your light will rise like the dawn. God will be present when you call him, provided you do not ignore the needs of others.

Jesus's challenge to be salt of the earth and light to the world was not only an agenda for his followers at the time, or for the early church that was evolving when the Gospels were

written. It was a direct challenge, like Isaiah, to the Israel of his time. The ancient call was that the people of Israel should be a light to the world, that through them God's justice and mercy would be shared with all the nations. The city set on a hill, unable to be hidden, was Jerusalem, where (in the prophecies) the nations would come to learn God's law. Yet at the time of Jesus's ministry, the society around him – understandably perhaps, under the shadow of Roman occupation – had become more inward-looking. Jesus's concern was that it was losing its vocation. His call was for Israel to *be* Israel, while there was still time. To take up what the law and the prophets had pointed to, leaving aside the narrow interpretations of some of the religious authorities, notably among the Pharisees, who were so anxious about the detail of the laws about purity that they had stopped looking outwards to those in need. (The best known example of this criticism is the parable of the Good Samaritan.) It was a challenge to authority that cost Jesus his life.

But Paul, in his letter to the early church in Corinth, realized that Jesus's challenge had actually succeeded. The events that it set in train came not through human wisdom or worldly force but the sheer power of the gospel which the crucified one had preached. It was, in the end, Jesus who became salt for the world, a light-bringer to the nations, Jesus who became (when everyone had rejected him) the one set on a hill who could not be hidden. The sermon Jesus preached was an agenda that he himself fulfilled. That's why it can be said of our readings today that they are both about Israel and about Jesus.

What do these readings mean for us now? The injunctions to be salt and light – what do they say to us? Two commodities of which a small amount can make a big difference. A tiny pinch of salt transforms the flavour of cooking. Light from a single candle can light up a dark room. The symbols Jesus uses are powerful.

On 19th November 1960, a lawyer named Peter Benenson was travelling on the London Underground when he read in a newspaper that two Portuguese students had been imprisoned for drinking a toast to freedom. He felt disturbed by it, and when he came out of the Tube he went into a church to process his thoughts. There must, I think, have been a candle burning there, for he found himself thinking of the Chinese proverb 'better to light a candle than curse the darkness'. By the time he left the church, he had formed the idea that if enough people wrote letters to the Portuguese authorities, protesting about the imprisonment of the students, it might have some impact. The idea became Amnesty International, of which he was the founder, with its symbol of a candle surrounded by barbed wire. It's a candle that has shone brightly in the darkness for over sixty years. Amnesty now has over ten million members worldwide.

Jesus's words don't require us all to found a worldwide movement. But what we do need to do is look outwards, caring not just for those who come to our churches but also for those who don't, not least in a city of great need like Marseille. Under the leadership of the Archbishop here, Cardinal Jean-Marc Aveline, a project is currently under way to pool the knowledge and resources of different churches in helping some of the most vulnerable in our

communities. There should in due course be opportunities for us all to help in a practical way, without each of us having to invent the wheel ourselves.

Closer to home, it's even more simple. We can be salt and light to those we encounter each and every day. Simple gestures, which can be life-changing. Offering a meal to someone who normally eats alone, a shoulder to cry on for someone living through a crisis, a small beacon of hope to another at a frightening time. It can make all the difference in the world. So let's do it, let's become the agenda of the sermon Jesus gave, giving thanks to the one who showed us how.

'Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly ... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.'

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 the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

We pray for your world.

Bless and guide Charles our King and Governor, President Macron and the leaders of all the countries from which we come; give wisdom to all in authority; direct the nations in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another and seek the common good.

We hold before you all who are suffering the effects of natural disaster, poverty and oppression. As we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, we ask your blessing on peacemakers and peacekeepers across the world. We give thanks for the work of aid agencies, asking your protection on those willing to risk their own lives to help others, bringing light in places of darkness.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church.

Strengthen and uphold Robert and David our bishops, Peter our Archdeacon and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We ask your blessing on this chaplaincy and all who seek to serve you here in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon. We pray for wisdom and discernment in the General Synod as they meet this week.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

We pray especially for our loved ones who are far away, for any whose relationships are under strain, and all who seek to bring reconciliation and healing.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those awaiting a medical diagnosis and those coming to terms with one, all who live with incurable illness and chronic pain.

From our own community we pray particularly for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Margaret, Eddie, Jade, Bob and their families. And in a moment of silence we name before you those whom we each hold on our hearts.

Strengthen and sustain all who devote their lives to caring for others. Help us to help them, in the name of your Son.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, particularly those whose anniversaries fall at this time; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Pour out your love on those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, teach us how to be salt and light, in our communities, our work and our homes. Grant us the strength of your compassion and love as, stone by living stone, we seek to build the Kingdom here on earth for which your Son lived, died and rose again, as we pray together:

Merciful Father,
All **Accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The minister says

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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=Of4I5bTdZ8M>

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
It shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart; it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Francis Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Tune: Nottingham – Wenzel Müller (after W A Mozart) (1747-1835)

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

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,
our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places,
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word,
through him you have created all things from the beginning;
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman

and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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

Believing the promises of God,
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 *Carl Schalk (1929-2021) Songs of Isaiah III & IV*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHdTbD8c0LE&list=OLAK5uy_n6OZcUgO588rWLM7vtR6REGEV58cXOYVY&index=15

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5v8cLGqOlk&list=OLAK5uy_n6OZcUgO588rWLM7vtR6REGEV58cXOYVY&index=16

I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (Isaiah 49.6)

You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace. (Isaiah 55.12)

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUVAbXgJyqQ&t=90s>

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;

Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Song 34 – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Blessing

The celebrant says

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in faith;
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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Offertory

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Picture: Christ teaching his disciples. Stained glass (source unknown).