



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

*9th January 2022
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of Christ*

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 Reader Jane Quarmby, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

The service will be in two parts. Our Chaplain, The Revd Jamie Johnston, will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace our Curate, The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIRaIYzLf8E>

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.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister says

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

Titus 3.5

Silence is kept.

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 celebrant says

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
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.

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth -
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; *
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; *
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6Ld1b515gc>

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as his Father's Son.

He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Tune: Offertorium – Michael Haydn (1737-1806), adapted

Gospel Reading

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

cf Matthew 3.17

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His

winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

Today we hear from Luke about John preaching about the Messiah and the baptism of Christ. As he says, everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and were eager to know if John was the Messiah. But John was very clear that he wasn't, he was just the messenger. In fact, he was God's last messenger, the last one sent to warn the people that they needed to come back to God and how he wanted them to live.

To emphasise the point of just how inferior John perceived himself to be in relation to the Messiah, he tells the crowds that he isn't worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. That might seem a bit odd to us nowadays, but at that time only slaves, the lowest of the low, would untie sandals. There were no lovely tarmac roads then, no road sweepers, no little trucks ambling up and down pavements hosing them down after market day as we have here. People wore sandals to pick their way through dust and dirt, to farm and to garden, and by the end of the day their feet would be filthy. So, no-one would want to touch those feet – and so it was a slave, who had no choice, who had to undo the sandals and wash the feet of their owners. So, John is making it a huge gulf between him and the Messiah, which must have added to the awe and expectation of the crowds. If this man who preached so well and did so many great things was just like a slave, how much greater and more amazing would the Messiah be?

John loses no time in giving them an example – I baptise you with water – he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The Old Testament prophets Joel, Ezekiel and Isaiah had all predicted that in the last days, God would pour out his Spirit on his people. Fire is a powerful cleanser – we've seen so many times recently how fires can wipe out enormous areas of land, out of our control certainly. So, this coming Messiah has great power. But fire is also an image of judgement, and this is something that we don't really spend too much time on nowadays, the judgement of Christ. We focus more on his teaching, how to live good lives, forgiveness, all the comforting side of believing in him. But he and John were clear that he wasn't just coming to heal and comfort, he was also coming to judge. Just as in the wheat harvest when the heads of corn are whacked to dislodge them from their stalks and then

thrown up in the air to separate the useless outside bits which would blow away from the corn inside. Literally separating the wheat from the chaff; so, the Messiah would throw humanity up in the air and separate out the good and useful from the bad and useless. The useless would then be burnt, disposed of. Which is a very sobering thought. We will be judged. What if today were to be the last day, the day when Christ returns to judge us? No more time to set to and clean up our act, to make up for the things we aren't proud of?

A very long time ago, when I was at school, our eventual grades would depend upon our results in exams. So, you could amble along for a couple of years without putting in too much effort, providing you could swot like mad for a few weeks before the exams and still get straight As, ready for university or a good job. Then the academic authorities brought in continual assessment and portfolios, which meant that students had to consistently perform at the higher level. Much harder to do – to consistently work hard and perform at a high level. Which is where we are at with God and his judgement by Christ. We are on continual assessment – there may not be time to swot up and improve our grades. Some of us of course will have led good and Christian lives and have nothing to worry about – but perhaps we need to be sure of that!

Then we have the baptism of Christ, marking the start of his ministry. On the surface, there is a stark contrast between the image being painted by John of the Messiah and how great he will be, and this 30-year-old, apparently ordinary man, coming along with the rest of the crowds to be baptised by water. No roaring fires, no loud trumpets, no hordes of angels or anything at all out of the ordinary. No special treatment. Just one more man coming to John, to be dunked in the river. He humbly presents himself and prays. All the way through the gospels, we are told of Jesus praying, praying hard and long. He prays constantly, talking to his Father, asking for guidance, for help. It's certainly an object lesson to me, that if Christ himself, the Messiah, put so much effort into praying, shouldn't I be doing the same? It makes me think that rather than getting all bound up in my small everyday doings, perhaps I should be thinking about doing it alongside Christ, inviting him to be my companion along the way.

I do wonder what Jesus was praying for, though? This is the start of his ministry. He's had 30 years of normal human life, living with his family, taking on the role of head of the family after Joseph died, caring for his mother and siblings, working, spending time with friends, all the usual things. And now he's being baptised and is going to enter the final lap of his earthly life. Does he know how it's going to progress? Where it's going to end? He's going to take a path which will take him away from his family and trade to a life of wandering around the region, preaching, healing, performing astonishing miracles, getting into trouble with the authorities. Does he know about that – is he praying for help with that, or guidance, or is he rather dreading it, nervous and needing support? Is he full of trepidation? Or is he looking forward to it? Is he, like so many after him, feeling the call of God to serve Him, not at all sure it's the right thing for him but finding it an irresistible call?

We'll never know, we humans can only think how we would be feeling. But reassurance and confirmation come as the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descends upon him like a dove. I wonder about that image – does it mean the Holy Spirit looked like a dove, or does it mean it fluttered down and landed as gently as a bird lands on your hand? Either way, he is filled with the Holy Spirit. And then comes the voice from heaven, confirming Jesus as God's dearly loved Son, bringing Him great joy. So whatever doubts and dilemmas Jesus may have been facing, he is now identified as the Messiah, as God's Son and he knows that he is doing God's will and pleasing him. His life has changed forever.

And thanks to him, so have our lives, and all the millions who have believed in him and done their best to honour him and obey his commands over the centuries.

Amen.

Reader Jane Quarmby

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

Let us offer our prayers and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of the Father.

Heavenly Father, we pray for your Church: keep it faithful in following the teaching and example of her Lord. Fill it with your Holy Spirit, that all who respond to your call may be witnesses to your name.

We pray for Queen Elizabeth, our Governor, for our Bishops Robert and David, for our Archdeacon Peter, for our Chaplain Jamie and his ministry team: by the gift of your grace, may they faithfully serve you and have the strength to be firm witnesses of the Gospel to the world.

Give us a true spirit of humility, that in our preaching, prayer and living we may always point away from ourselves and towards the living Christ.

We give thanks for our baptism and pray for grace to fulfil the baptismal vows. We raise before you those preparing for baptism, especially Miahya, her family and her godparents. Raise them by your Spirit, revive them by your Word, form them by your hand. Give them courage and perseverance faithfully to keep the promises they will make.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace with justice throughout the world, we pray that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to reconciliation.

We pray that those who suffer religious discrimination or persecution may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters.

Bring hope to the hopeless and unity where there is conflict. Reach down to restore us to the light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers of hope for those who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, two years after it began to spread. We pray for young people returning to school or university after the winter break, amid all the challenges that have arisen this week. We pray for all places where more restrictions are being put in place for safety, even as it affects economies, and for all people who are being held up on cruise ships and in airports as the omicron surge affects so many areas of our world. We pray for all hospitals and medical care facilities that are overwhelmed and short on supplies due to the pandemic. May our leaders' decision-making be empathetic during this time and always.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are passing through deep waters of suffering in body, mind or spirit. May they know your presence alongside them, may they be comforted with a sense of your goodness and with trust in your loving care.

We pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Margaret, Eddie and Lindsay and, in a few moments of silence, for those we know who need your healing and comfort.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving all who have passed through the waters of death and are now in your eternal presence. May they be at peace through the redeeming love shown in the life, death and resurrection of your beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by

the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the Gospel by acts of love in your name.

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

The Peace

The minister says

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 5.17

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5ZCZeS32M>

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Blaenwern - William Penfro Rowlands (1860–1937)

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;
may we be willing to share his baptism,
ready to share his cup
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

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 truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness

to preach the good news to the poor.
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

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: Frank Desby (1922-1992) – As many of you as have been baptised

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oCXCNIcHXA>

As many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto
the ages of ages. Amen. *cf. Galatians 3.27*

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

<https://www.facebook.com/stedmundway/videos/forth-in-the-peace-of-christ-we-go-sung-with-lyric-video/351672579306284/>

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
Our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word;
He claims our minds, to search his ways;

He claims our lips, to speak his truth;
He claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one:
Here is one hearth for all to find;
Here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
Here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

Words: James Quinn (1919-2010)

Tune: Duke Street – John Warrington Hatton (1710-1793)

Blessing

The celebrant says

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his 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.**

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Offertory

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