



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

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Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, our Curate, 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 our Chaplain, The Revd Jamie Johnston, will celebrate the Eucharist and the rest of us 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=LCBjxVP6GWE>

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)
Tune: Slane – Irish Traditional*

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 celebrant 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.

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins -
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90.12-end

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? *
Have compassion on your servants.

14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, *
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, *
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

16 Show your servants your works, *
and let your glory be over their children.

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

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

Hebrews 4.12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing
until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and
intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare
to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son
of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as
we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that
we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3UYybc7Xa0>

O thou who camest from above,
The fire celestial to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Hereford – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Gospel Reading

Mark 10.17-31

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

cf John 8.12

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

"Wealth matters!"

This is a title in the 2021 edition of the Global Wealth Report I came across recently. You will be pleased to hear that global household wealth was largely immune to the challenges the world faced last year, and that wealth per adult rose by 6% to reach a record high of nearly 80,000 USD. Maybe this was not what you experienced last year, and you wonder if your microscopic contribution made it into this report or why haven't you seen people around you benefit from this considerable increase.

This kind of statistic focuses on the upper echelons. Nevertheless, the report has the honesty to mention that one of the greatest divides today, the one between the poor and the rich, has not ceased to widen. We may not be among the 56 million 'high net worth individuals' worldwide (that is, those who are millionaires or more...), but most of us are on the rather comfortable side of the gap, and we cannot even imagine its breadth. There is more than our personal wealth that contributes to this divide: our decisions, our consumption have effects upon everyone on this planet. Look up a website that provides an ecological footprint calculator, which approximates how many Earths it would take to sustain all the world's inhabitants in the same lifestyle that you lead. If everyone lived like me, we would need 3 Earths – it is eye-opening and sobering.

"Nowadays, the rage for possession has got to such a pitch that there is nothing in the realm of nature out of which profit cannot be squeezed." Dixit Erasmus of Rotterdam, at the beginning of the 16th century. There is nothing new under the sun.

We have just heard one of the most radical exhortations of Jesus: "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor." These are certainly words "sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4.12) Do you feel "laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account" (Hebrews 4.13)? I do. It's so difficult to let possessions go.

Is this a story about condemnation of wealth?

There are two narratives running through the Old Testament. On the one hand, in the book of the prophet Isaiah, there is judgement against Israel's wealthy people, who pile up houses one after the other. Prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel also challenged the wealthy. On the other hand, Abraham, Jacob, or Job's wealth are tangible proof of God's blessing and faithfulness. Wealth, of itself, is not seen as evil.

No wonder the disciples are perplexed. If those who appear most blessed have more difficulty to enter God's Kingdom than a camel going through the eye of a needle, then who can be saved?

Throughout the ages, the Churches had a variety of views and teachings on wealth, ranging from "wealth is an offence or, at least, an obstacle to Christian faith" to "wealth is the outcome of faith". The last century saw the development of a prosperity theology or "the health and wealth gospel", claiming that financial blessing is God's will for Christians. Whatever their theology, rather often the Churches embraced wealth and the power that came with it – or, at least, they befriended the wealthy and encouraged their benevolence, without questioning how their wealth had been acquired. Wealth matters.

Is this a story about enrolling for voluntary poverty?

Let's be honest: poverty is a perpetual state of anxiety and stress, it makes one sick in body and in spirit. Poverty is pernicious.

Nevertheless, Gospel stories, like the one we read, have inspired some to follow Jesus' exhortation.

In the thirteenth century, Francis of Assisi, *Il Poverello*, abandoned his own wealth and his inheritance, to live among the destitute. Yet we must understand that, for Francis, being poor was not a question of being without possessions merely for the sake of being without possessions. Rather, it was a sign of his poverty of spirit, that is, his total reliance on God in every aspect of life. For Francis this was not a deprivation, yet a wonderful liberation. He could now walk unhindered towards the utter poverty of Jesus on the cross.

In the third century, after listening to our Gospel reading in church, St Anthony the Egyptian went home with urgency to sell his property and donate the funds to the poor. He then moved into a cave in the desert to seek the Lord. After hearing the same verses today, very sadly, I don't think I'm going to feel the same urgency to change my life. Half-hearted commitment to Christ? Lukewarm Christianity? What is it that I am called to give away? On what possessions is God calling me to loosen my grip? How could I unburden myself to follow Christ?

“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor; [...] then come, follow me.” Follow me – yes, this story is an invitation to discipleship.

The man of means who approaches Jesus with urgency – he ran up! – is responding to prophet Amos’s injunction: “Seek the Lord and live!” He is a good and decent man, and of great faith. Yet he knows that despite his righteous life of honouring the tradition, keeping the rules, respecting the Law, practising the rituals, he is unfulfilled. Do we have a similar craving in our righteous life? Besides our reading the Scriptures, praying, coming to church? Are we hungry for more meaning? Do we have a desire to be with God in all eternity? Or do we just seek a word of affirmation that everything we are doing is right and that nothing taxing will be asked of us?

Jesus’ call is one to a life of discipleship, not to a life of poverty. Jesus invites the rich man to a life of meaning and purpose which so far has evaded him. This call “challenges and indeed cuts right across the instinctive attachment to that which we possess” (Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*). Once again, all that it means to follow Jesus bruises our instincts towards self-preservation and security.

Jesus offers the rich man a call to discipleship, he invites him to give up all that makes up his identity and status in the world. The kingdom of God confronts us with a vision of life and identity quite incompatible with so many of our presuppositions about wealth, prerogatives, and selfhood – it leads inexorably to an identity crisis. Yet we are offered a new identity in Christ.

The rich man is not yet prepared to take the hard road of discipleship and to trust that God will accompany him on that road, guiding him through loss, shadow, suffering. Are we, individually or as a Church, fully prepared to walk that road? Or do we still look for worldly security?

Pope Francis, who has occasioned much criticism by choosing simplicity in liturgy, in his lifestyle and in his service, calls the Church to be “a poor church for the poor” and to leave behind wealth, the yearning for status and power, and all the strings that tie it to the world. And also to make the leap forward in love that Jesus asks of the rich man; without it, he says, our life and our Church become sick of “complacency and self-indulgence” (*Evangelii Gaudium*).

How could we make this leap forward without choosing a poverty in spirit, that is, our total reliance on God? Jesus Christ always points to the Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden, so that we accept and welcome our utter dependence on his mercy alone. He points to God as absolute claim and final succour. Christ gives us assurance that “for God all things are possible.” This shifts the question away from how eternal life can be inherited to how we can live having encountered

grace. If we recover a sense of grace, then the way to humble service, common good and love for one another will be open. In all our striving and hesitating and failing, Jesus will keep on looking at us through the eyes of divine love, never giving up on us, because, truly, for God all things are possible.

Amen.

The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, Curate

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

Holy and Strong One, we praise you for Jesus Christ our great High Priest, who has entered into the fullness of the kingdom in heaven, and opened for us the gate of glory. May we, in time of need, know your mercy and grace, through Christ our King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

All **Amen.**

Lord, we pray that we may seek you and so enter into life. We pray for all who seek you in simplicity and humility, for all who find you in their service of others. Bless all who are in religious communities, and all seeking to consecrate their lives to you. We pray for any who have lost their faith on their way.

We pray for our Governor Elizabeth, our Bishops David and Robert, our Archdeacon here in France, Peter, and for our chaplain Jamie and his team, that you will bless and guide them in all that they do in your name.

Lord, give us grace

All **And help us in all our needs**

We pray for all who are choked by their riches, for people who are possessed by their possessions, for all who are afraid to give and afraid to share, for all who have amassed wealth but are poor in spirit, for all who are suffering through the greed and avarice of others.

Lord, give us grace

All **And help us in all our needs**

God, we thank you for all who have sacrificed for us, for all who have enriched our lives by their goodness, for all who have been generous and gracious to us. Teach us to be generous and willing to give.

We pray for our families and friends, and for our neighbours. We remember especially those in the emergency services so recently risking their lives in the flooding in the south of France, and for those who have lost everything in the floods.

Lord, give us grace

All **And help us in all our needs**

We pray for all who are over-worked and the work-weary, for all who lack freedom and suffer through injustice, for all who are denied basic human needs.

We pray for those who are ill or need help, and we bring to you especially Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Simon, Eddie, Margaret, Nick, Don, Martha and Eabha (Ava). In a few moments of silence we bring to you those whom we know who need your healing.

Lord, give us grace

All **And help us in all our needs**

We give thanks for all who have entered into glory, for all who triumphed over darkness and evil. We pray for loved ones departed, including those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Lord, give us grace

All **And help us in all our needs**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, those for whom we pray and the whole creation to your unending love.

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.

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=n734FhIuvSs>

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Words: Liturgy of St James, tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

*Tune: Picardy – French carol,
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

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,
it is 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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

Communion anthem: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

Words and music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZDPcXOI7Mw>

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
Whose mind is stayèd on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee,
But the light is as clear as the day;
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For evermore.

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessèd God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Tune: Nottingham - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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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