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*19th Sunday after Trinity
St Luke the Evangelist*

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 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. Reader Jane Quarmby will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. This Sunday marks the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist, patron saint of physicians. We will keep a special time of prayer for those who are unwell at this time and those who are caring for them. After the Peace the Chaplain, The Revd Jamie Johnston, 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.**

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

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess the ways in which we have fallen short of them.

You were sent to preach the good news of light
in the darkness of the world:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself by the shedding of your blood:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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 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,
you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147.1-7

1 Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, *
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem *
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up all their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, *
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the lyre.

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

2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMLvVYFxCT0>

Immortal love, forever full,
Forever flowing free,
Forever shared, forever whole,
A never ebbing sea!

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet,
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame,
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from thee is hell,
To walk with thee is heaven.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
Tune: Bishopthorpe (1786)

Gospel Reading

Luke 10.1-9

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.**

All 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.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

Today the church keeps the Feast of St Luke, the friend of the apostle Paul who described him as 'our beloved Luke, the physician' (*Colossians 4.14*). In our Epistle today he is mentioned as being Paul's only companion in prison (*2 Timothy 4.11*). Luke is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament – the Gospel which bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles, parts of which are written in the first person. He is thought to have been a Greek, unlike the other three Evangelists who were from the Jewish tradition. Throughout his writings Luke emphasises that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of religious affiliation, nationality, social position or gender. Tradition has it that he was one of the seventy disciples sent out by Jesus, as described in our Gospel reading today.

Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, which is why the focus of our service today is on wholeness and healing. All who work in our healthcare services, from the most senior to the most junior, have been on our hearts this year. We should applaud them not just once a week or once a day, for it is a vocation that demands sacrifice, the contours of which become more visible in a pandemic.

Wholeness, healing, salvation: hallmarks of the good news of which Jesus taught and, through his actions, revealed. 'Wholeness' is a word we rarely find outside the New Testament, yet in the older translations it is often found on his lips: 'Your faith has made you whole.' (The modern translations say 'your faith has made you well'.) Luke, the physician, records the stories of healing by Jesus - and, in the Acts of the Apostles, by Peter, Paul and others - with a combination of awe and a sense that these events were bringing people close to the heart of the divine. There is something about 'wholeness' that stands counter to all that may afflict us as humans, in particular the sense of disintegration we feel when what matters most to us is felt to be in danger: our health or the health of those we love, our

mental wellbeing, our sense of identity or purpose, the things we devote our lives to. It is good to pray for wholeness, and to search for it through Christ amid what the Collect calls 'the changes and chances of this fleeting world'.

Later we will pray for those known to members of our congregations who are in need of healing at this time. What does it mean to pray for someone's healing? I once attended a talk by Mark Vernon, the English writer on spirituality and former Anglican priest who describes himself as an 'agnostic Christian'. At the end of the talk, someone asked him what he did when he was asked to pray for people. Mark Vernon replied that he did pray for them, though without being entirely sure of the good that it would do. I asked him whether, if he himself were ill, he would wish to be prayed for. The answer was an immediate and unqualified 'yes'.

What does it mean when we say we will pray for someone who is ill? At its simplest, prayer means 'giving loving attention'. But what are we praying *for*? It has been said that there are three types of prayer in this context. First, asking God for a miracle. When someone is seriously ill, even if the evidence is that they are unlikely to survive, we often find ourselves praying for recovery – hope against hope - through the skill of medical professionals, the availability of a rare treatment, or a combination of factors which no one may fully understand. It's an impulse, whether or not we call ourselves believers, to will God into bringing life from death. It's a prayer of resurrection.

Then there is a prayer for strength in suffering, as we ask that the person we love will find acceptance of what is happening to them, courage and patience to last them through the time of distress and, for those of faith, the sense that God in Christ will be alongside them in their suffering. It's a prayer of incarnation.

Then there is a third kind. If we cannot find it in us to ask for a miracle, but we want to pray for more than acceptance, there is a prayer that, if this has to be, let it somehow be not only a time of pain and sorrow but also of grace and gift. A prayer that this may be a time when the person we care for finds a depth of love, companionship and truth they have never known before; that as they stare down the approach of death they may have a richer sense of the wonder of living, a thankfulness for all they have seen and known, an ability to bless others as they face challenges themselves, and a piercing insight into the heart of God. We pray that they may discover their real nature and destiny and see a glimpse of heaven beyond. It's a prayer of transfiguration.

In my final year at school the news came through that a gifted pupil who had left a couple of years earlier had died of cancer at the age of 19. The head master preached a sermon about it which I have never forgotten. He read out a letter from the boy's mother in which she described how, when all treatment options had been exhausted, her son had gone to spend a few weeks in a monastery in the foothills of the Himalayas, from which he had returned at peace, reconciled with what was happening to him, loving to those around him and facing

his approaching death with courage. She concluded: 'I don't feel sorrow or anger any more, but just a little pride.' The sermon ended with the words: 'He may not have been cured, but he was whole.' It was only later that I discovered that the head master had himself lost a daughter to cancer at the age of six, a child whose doctors said of her that she was teaching them. Human stories that speak of transfiguration.

Our Gospel today describes Jesus's commission to the seventy disciples on their first missionary journey. They are to go out 'like lambs into the midst of wolves', with no money, no protection against the elements, just each other for company. It seems an apt reading for our times. There is a sense at the moment that we all face what lies ahead unprotected. Yet all of us - whether or not we call ourselves believers - are called to bring comfort, reassurance, companionship and support to those we know and love in the months ahead. There may be fear, suffering and death. But let us pray that there may also be grace and gift, albeit in ways we do not understand. That somehow, through God's grace, there may be transfiguration.

Why? Because of the faith, hope and love to which we are called. In an article entitled '*Is love more real when grounded in faith?*', Mark Vernon put it like this: 'The life of faith detects that there is a divine love that is there waiting. It holds all because it is the source of the love that flows through all. Fear and uncertainty do not cease. Human love always feels a bit like that. But faith is the felt sense that love can be trusted because love is, in truth, the ground of reality.' That seems to me a pretty clear insight into the heart of God, even if it calls itself 'agnostic Christianity'.

Last week our service ended with the words: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' This week we have heard the words which follow next in Luke's Gospel: 'Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.' I would like to suggest that it is the words at the end of Jesus's commission to his disciples that we should take with us into the months ahead, whatever they bring: 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' For, in Christ, it has and does.

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

God our Father, we bless you that your grace has dawned upon the world with healing for humanity. We give thanks that you have richly poured your Spirit upon us so that we can pray as your family, in the name of Jesus Christ, our companion and friend.

We remember before you those having operations, and those recovering.
We remember those with incurable disease and chronic pain.

We remember those struggling with poor mental health.
We remember those with Covid-19 and its after effects.
We remember those with cancer.
We remember those facing the multiple challenges of old age.
We remember those whose memory is failing.

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

We pray for surgeons, doctors, nurses, hospital staff and all who work for the good of those we have named. We ask your blessing on those in our congregations who work to relieve suffering, in healthcare, in the community and through international agencies. May your wisdom guide them, your love sustain them under pressure, and your healing flow through them.

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

We pray for leaders, national and local, who are grappling with the pandemic worldwide, including in the area of our chaplaincy. We pray for wisdom, discernment, courage and humanity in all that they do. We pray too for organisations focussed on research, and all who work to support those with specific diseases and challenges. May your light guide them and bless them in their teaching and their learning.

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

We pray for church leaders facing uncertainty and change, remembering especially our Bishops Robert and David, our Archdeacon Meurig, our Chaplain Jamie and the ministry team here in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon. May they find vision in your Kingdom, strength in your Spirit, and grace to do your will whatever the cost.

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

We hold before you all carers, tending loved ones who are ill or infirm. Sustain them with your patience, and when human love grows weary with costly caring, may your Spirit renew and refresh them.

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

We pray now for those known to members of our congregations for whom we have been asked to pray at this time, holding them in the light of your love:

The names are read of those who are unwell and of those caring for them

We bring before you too those whom we name in our hearts, as we pray silently.

A time of prayer follows, during which the chant will be sung:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Svh-9ohg4>

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer**

As we pray for all who mourn, we remember loved ones who have died, entrusting them to your everlasting care in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace

All **and rise in glory.**

God of all life, may we be filled with the knowledge of your strength and peace more and more, until the shadows are dispersed, all sin and sorrow left behind, all disease healed, all suffering conquered, and all relationships filled with the glory of your love. This we ask in the name of the one who lived and died and rose for us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

The minister says

Jesus came and stood among them and said:

'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then they rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

cf John 20.19-20

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=ygeK4XorRm4>

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

*Words: John L Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)
Tune: Scottish folk melody, arr. John L Bell*

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart with the flame of your love.
Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there,
For you are my King and my God.

St Dimitrius of Rostov (17th century)

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks that after his resurrection
he sent forth his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and to teach us the way of truth.

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.**

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

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, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into my heart, dwell in me in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music

Psalm 121

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

Music: H Walford Davies (1869-1941)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills *
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord *
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper *
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day *
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in *
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM1ijdRa7Ls>

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)
Tune: Corvedale – Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

Blessing

The celebrant says

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal joy of that city;
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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