



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

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

The service will be in two parts. Jane will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. 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.**

Hymn

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

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tribute pay,
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
We to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy and light and love.

Words: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847)

Tune: Heathlands – Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

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 Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

Exodus 24.12-end

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; *
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion *
and high above all peoples.

3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; *
the Lord our God is holy.

4 Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt the Lord our God; *
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name; *
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God; *
you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, *
for the Lord our God is holy.

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 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://youtu.be/8wNCM8Gw-8o>

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,

We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.

Words: Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

Tune: Carlisle – Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17.1-9

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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

Today's readings focus on the transfiguration of Jesus, a strange event which is described both in the gospel reading and backed up by Peter in his letter. How do you describe something so unusual to someone who has never seen such a thing before? Matthew describes it in terms of blinding light – the face of Jesus shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Intense brightness, the terms used being the brightest most shining examples the Gospel writer could think of. All through the Bible God appears in the form of light. From Moses having to wear a veil when he comes down the mountain from speaking to God, because his face was so radiant, through to Jesus describing himself as the light of the world.

Transfiguration isn't a word we hear used very often. The dictionary definition is "a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state:" But how does it happen? The transformation of a caterpillar, through its chrysalis state and then into a beautiful butterfly, bearing no resemblance to its former self, was one example I came up with. Dragonflies too, emerge from a rapacious beetle-like carnivore which lives in the water to an ephemeral, flying insect. Life itself is transforming – if you've ever held an egg in your hand when it suddenly cracks and out of the oval, hard shell, emerges a soggy little dinosaur, cheeping away is amazing and hard to explain if you don't see it for yourself.

Christ's transformation on the mountain is however vastly different to nature's daily miracles. There's all sorts of things happening here. The event itself comes six days after Jesus explains to his disciples that he is going to be killed, and rise again on the third day. Not unnaturally, they were horrified and scared by this, not wanting to accept it. We have the famous scene where Peter protests and is sharply admonished by Jesus, going as far as to say "Get behind me, Satan!" Poor old Peter, in trouble again, because he doesn't want to lose Jesus, doesn't want him to suffer, not grasping that it's all part of the wider plan.

Now however, Peter, along with James and John, is given a glimpse of how very extraordinary Jesus is. Jesus needs them to understand that he will rise again, that his will be a horrible death but it is necessary to achieve what he is tasked to do and he is in control. They need to understand that he is divine, and no amount of words will ever equal that blinding picture of Jesus, shining as brightly as the sun, in all his glory. Nor will they ever forget it or the words they hear directly from God, affirming Jesus as his Son.

If this weren't enough for these three disciples, they also see Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus, despite them knowing that Moses died and Elijah was taken up to heaven. But here they are, large as life and talking to their leader. Moses represents the law, having taken down the Ten Commandments and written the laws in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. He led the Israelites to freedom. Elijah represents all the prophets who paved the way for the final and greatest of all prophets, Jesus himself.

This glimpse of the glory and divine nature of Jesus is in sharp contrast to what is shortly to unfold when Jesus is in Jerusalem, betrayed to the authorities, humiliated, beaten and killed, and true to his word and all the prophecies, rises again. Here, he's on a mountain, in glory, with shining white clothes, flanked by Moses and Elijah, with a bright cloud overhead, Peter is totally on side, knocked all of a heap by the wonder of what he is experiencing, and God himself declares that this is his wonderful son. Not so long after, Jesus is again on a hillside, his clothes have been taken from him and gambled for by soldiers, he's flanked by two criminals, the light is blotted out in darkness, Peter has denied he even knows him, and it's a pagan Roman soldier who exclaims that Jesus really was God's son.

What happened to the glory? Perhaps as Tom Wright says, "we only really understand... where we see it (the two events) side by side.... Learn to see the glory in the cross, learn to see the cross in the glory, and you will have begun to bring together the laughter and the tears of the God who hides in the cloud, the God who is known to be in the strange person of Jesus himself."

This is such a strange story, the transfiguration, that Peter felt it necessary to stress that it really did happen. He obviously feels strongly about it – were people denying what he was teaching, making fun of him? He says "we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendour with our own eyes..... We ourselves heard that voice from heaven." It was a crucial piece of evidence for the early church that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. It remains crucial to us today. As the bedrock of our faith.

We may not be as lucky as those three disciples, in witnessing Christ's transfiguration, but we can be alive to his continued acts of transfiguration in the world today. It's hard to keep sight of these when we are faced with what seems to be an endless series of dreadful events – climate change, the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, the pandemic, the economic crisis, the devastation wrought by nature on New Zealand, drought and war in Europe. It's easy to be dispirited. But all around us, God is using us to transfigure our world and each other's lives. Sponsoring a child transforms their life. There are urban gardeners turning wasteland into food producing areas of beauty, dedicated teachers moving children out of poverty and poor prospects into lives full of meaning, soup kitchens and food banks keeping families fed, families and friends cleaning up litter, people recycling, taking time to contact lonely people, people rushing to rescue others caught up in disasters - we can all do so much to transform the lives of others and our surroundings. Along the way we may well find ourselves transfigured too – doing God's work, really listening to and taking to heart all that Jesus said, has that effect on people.

This account of the transfiguration of Christ, the glimpse given to three ordinary men of the real nature of Christ, is what the Christian faith is all about. Martin Luther, in his last sermon, wrote that whenever he had doubts or worries, he always reread this passage and in particular the line "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him."

Yes, there are lots of unanswered questions, from where did this take place to why was it only Peter, James and John who were invited to see it. But those questions aren't really important today – like Martin Luther, we need to focus on the direct word of God confirming who Jesus was and telling us all to listen to him.

Who are we to ignore the word of God?

Amen.

Jane Quarmby, Reader

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

Lord, in the clouds and darkness of this world, grant us a glimpse of your glory, that we may set ourselves to share in the bringing in of your kingdom. As you refresh and restore us, may we work for the renewal of your world; through Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the life giving Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Lord, we pray for your presence, comfort, healing and energy to be present in all the areas of the world suffering from natural disasters. Be with the people of Turkey, Syria, New Zealand, and Tajikistan in the aftermath of earthquakes, storms, flooding and landslides. Give determination and resourcefulness to those seeking to bring help and aid to those left injured, bereaved and who have lost homes and livelihoods. Bring all nations together in co-operation to right the wrongs we have done to our planet so that future generations may enjoy the beautiful world you gave us to live in. We pray too for an end to the man-made destruction of war.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, make us holy as you are holy, that we may belong to you. Turn our eyes from watching what is worthless, to behold your glory. Let your church show that the Spirit of God is within us, that we belong to Christ and to you. We pray that your church will grow in holiness, in outreach and in number, as we all live as your Son directed us and do his work.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the harvests of the world, that they may not be hoarded or squandered, that the land may be respected and cared for, that no people may hunger or be

misused by others. May the leaders of all nations, including King Charles, Prime Minister Sunak, President Macron, and President Biden, govern honestly and fairly, using their influence and power for good. We remember nations or individuals who are deeply in debt. We pray for all who have lost their freedom or livelihood.

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

We pray for our homes and our loved ones, that enmity and strife in our communities may be conquered, that forgiveness and mutual respect may be part of our lives. We pray for the renewal of broken relationships and broken hearts.

We remember all who have suffered from fraud, from robbery, from low wages, all who have suffered through injustice, all who have been slandered or maligned, all who have suffered mockery and scorn. Stay close to those who feel their lives are crumbling around them; grant them strength and courage.

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

We pray for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. From our chaplaincy community we pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Eddie, Patrick and Jade, and we bring to you those whom we know who need your healing.

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

That we may endure all, and come at last to your glorious kingdom, that we may share with our loved ones in glory, whom we remember now,

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, all for whom we pray and the whole creation to your unfailing love, 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=jAfsie3K13Y>

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fulness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Heav'n is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fulness stored;

Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848)
Tune: Laus Deo – Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with us.
So he prepared his disciples
to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his body,
the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.
And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

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 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 Jesu, joy of man's desiring

Words: Martin Jahn (c 1620-1682)

Music: J S Bach – from Cantata ‘Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben’, BWV 147

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Df7f_BLU8

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Taught by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Glui1j-w5go&t=4s>

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee:
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Ratisbon – Johann Gottlob Werner (1777-1822)

Blessing

The celebrant says

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share 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.**

The minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Offertory

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