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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

*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 Christine Portman, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

*The service will be in two parts. Christine will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace, Canon David Pickering 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=eniRq02fMPQ>

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear on every page;  
Thy people owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, hope restored,  
Was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us  
The vict'ry shall be won.  
And then by earth and heaven  
Thy name shall be adored;  
And this shall be our anthem:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord!

*Words: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891)  
Tune: Thornbury – Basil Harwood (1859-1949)*

## 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*

We have come together as God's family  
to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church  
and for the renewal of our common life.  
The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.  
In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

*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 minister 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.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 9.1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 27.1, 4-12**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; \*  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

11 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

12 You have been my helper; \*  
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEYcj3VDzpl>

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give

The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till trav'ling days are done.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

*Tune: Kingsfold – Traditional English melody*

## **Gospel Reading**

## **Matthew 4.12-23**

*The minister says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

*Ephesians 4.4-6*

*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.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Reflection

These January days still seem very short, but every day the sun rises a little earlier. Nights may be long and cold here, but I hope it's not a dark time for any of us: Epiphany is a season of revelation reminding us again how God shows his light and presence through Jesus to the world. You may have noticed how the readings are all pointing to God as the source of light and new beginnings: the baptism of Christ, the calling of the first disciples and, next week, the new wine of the wedding at Cana.

And that doesn't only apply to the gospel readings. Today the psalmist joyfully welcomes God as *my light and my salvation*. Then, in the reading from Isaiah we heard those well-loved words: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined*. The prayer after communion will talk of Jesus as the *light of the world*, of ourselves as *illuminated* by God's word and sacraments, praying that we might *shine* with the *radiance* of his glory. This echoes the message from Paul to the Corinthians: his exasperation with their petty quarrels is clear: his work is to *preach the gospel of Christ*, to shine His light into human lives, to break down barriers and *illuminate* lives. It's interesting that we have these readings in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There are several references today to war and divisions but as Christians, we're called to be radiant. Shamefully, the one Church of Christ has been divided from the very beginning – just look at the warring factions in Corinth! Even today we see similar nasty undercurrents in the Russia-Ukraine war - a conflict in no small way egged on by inter-Orthodox rivalries. So we need to take Paul's words to the Corinthians very seriously when we work more closely with other traditions. It's so encouraging that throughout the chaplaincy this week we've been able to worship in Catholic churches and in Lutheran Temples with French Protestants, Lutherans,

Catholics, Orthodox and Mennonites. Christians must be prepared to move beyond their particular understandings and practices, come together simply as followers of Christ. As Paul reminded those Corinthians, we must respect one another's traditions, understand that there is but one Body of Christ. In fact, when we stop putting barriers between ourselves and *all* other people, when we no longer pre-judge others on the grounds of their race, religion, gender or any other differences from ourselves, we then move closer to the mind of Christ.

But even the disciples struggled to see that mind. Jesus didn't select his followers because they were well-educated or well-connected. Certainly not because they were intellectuals or theologians! They were simple people doing ordinary jobs – but what they offered him was trust and commitment. Notice the adverb Matthew repeats in today's gospel reading. Perhaps you spotted it? When Jesus says, "Follow me", ***Immediately*** they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ***Immediately*** they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Did this mean that they didn't stumble along the way? Think of all those occasions when they failed to understand his teaching or rebuked him for things that he did or said. They argued with one another, and in Peter's case, denied him three times before the cock crowed. The one who did lose trust and faith in Jesus was the one who finally betrayed him. The others, the faithful ones, made many mistakes, as we all do, but they recognised him as the Messiah. They trusted.

In today's gospel reading Matthew quotes famous and well-loved words from Isaiah chapter 9, and in doing so he made his purpose clear: *so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled*. Isaiah's words are heard again and again in Advent and Christmas services and usually the reader continues with verses 6 and 7: For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders..... I can't even hear them without thinking of Handel's Messiah. Guided particularly by Matthew's words, Christians are used to hearing this passage as prophesying the future – but if that's all we see, we're in danger of missing something very important.

We should be wary of seeing these words simply as foretelling Christ's coming. It's worthwhile to look at some of the context in which Isaiah was writing. Why were *the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali* held in such contempt? He lived in a time when the northern territories of Israel were under attack. The people lived in constant fear: aggressive neighbours had already captured Zebulun and Naphtali. People longed for peace and yearned for a strong and righteous ruler who would honour God and rule justly.

And what's the significance of the Day of Midian? When Isaiah celebrates God's breaking *the rod of their oppressor and the bar across their shoulders as on the day of Midian*, this recalls a story from chapters 6 and 7 of Judges. Gideon and his pitifully outnumbered band of

warriors faced the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east who lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude. Armed only with clay pots, torches and trumpets, Gideon and his men surprised their enemy and their camps were completely routed. As Dennis Bratcher writes, Isaiah is reminding his readers: *God saved the day and made it quite plain that this was no ordinary military victory: this was the arm of the Lord at work, mighty to save.* Even though Israel's kings are weak, the country is under attack and food supplies are scarce, already God is with them. Hold fast, keep the faith!

If we only see Isaiah 9 as foretelling the future, we risk missing a key point. He's writing for people plagued by war, famine, insecurity and weak government. Well, look around us today – what's changed? So there's a message in here for us too. Look carefully at the tenses he uses. Not only *will* there be no *gloom or anguish* in the times to come, more importantly – all the victories that God has won for his people have already happened. He links the past to the present. Already, even now, the people walking in darkness *have seen* a great light; those living in a land of deep darkness - on them light *has shined*. You *have multiplied* the nation, you *have increased* its joy; ... the rod of their oppressor, you *have broken*. God is the only real power in the whole of creation, past, present and future. His victory over darkness is timeless.

Prophecy can be seen as simple fortune telling – or it can mean deep insight into and telling of God's truth. Isaiah's message is clear: God has always been with us and is with us now. As Jesus so often said, his *kingdom is at hand*. When we put our trust in him - and we can choose to do that *immediately*, we can step into our futures without fear. As the psalm says: *The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?*

Amen.

*Christine Portman, 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, be a light to our path, and a strength for our journey. Illumine the Church with the light of your truth. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for our sisters and brothers in every denomination gathered today in worship and thanksgiving. We give thanks for the ecumenical life which we share in the areas of our chaplaincy.

Within our own church we pray for Robert, our Bishop, that he may be strengthened and renewed by his sabbatical leave, and for Bishop David in his episcopal care of the diocese. Guide and inspire the forthcoming meeting of Church of England General Synod as it considers the controversial question of same sex relationships and marriage.

Lord, our light and our salvation,

*All* **be the strength of our lives.**

Shine in the dark places of our world, that there may be hope and light.

We pray for those who live in the shadow of war and violence, those whose lives are darkened by cruelty and prejudice, injustice and poverty. We pray for those who exercise leadership in and among the nations, that they will work to bring peace and wholeness of life to all people.

Lord, our light and our salvation,  
*All* **be the strength of our lives.**

Lord, with you is the well of life, and in your light we shall see life. We pray for all those who share our lives; for our families and friends, those within our local communities and places of work, those who provide us with the essentials of daily living and all who bring joy and fulfilment to our lives.

Lord, our light and our salvation,  
*All* **be the strength of our lives.**

Scatter the gloom from all who live in anguish and fear; those who have lost purpose in their lives, the unemployed, the redundant, those burdened down by any kind of sickness or disability, and the old and the frail.

Within our community we pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Margaret, Eddie, Susan and Jade.

Lord, our light and our salvation,  
*All* **be the strength of our lives.**

We remember and give thanks for all those who have brought light and fulfilment to our lives, and are now at their rest, for those who have enriched the world by their goodness and service. We pray too for all who mourn, that they may find comfort and strength through your love and the care of those around them.

Lord, our light and our salvation,  
*All* **be the strength of our lives.**

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

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

## The Peace

*The minister says*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,  
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will.

*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=UpBs0b8Nnzs>

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

The spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near  
is in such friendship better known:  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)*  
*Tune: St Botolph – Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*

## 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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*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:**        Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825): Cherubic Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAHfZ4acvMU>

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim,  
and sing unto the Life-Giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn,  
now lay aside all earthly cares,  
that we may receive the King of all  
who comes invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpITJOShix0>

In Christ there is no east nor west  
In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands then, people of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north.  
All Christlike souls are one in him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

*Words: John Oxenham (1852--1941)*

*Tune: St Stephen (Jones), William Jones (1726-1800)*

## **Blessing**

*The celebrant says*

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
three persons in one God,  
inspire you to live as one,  
that you may witness to the perfect unity of his love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

One in heart and one in mind,  
and empowered by the Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Picture: Master of the Brussels initials (active about 1389-1410) – The Calling of the first disciples, The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

## **Offertory**

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