



*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. The text includes a reflection by our Licensed Lay Minister, Jane Quarmby, which is also published separately on the website.

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 304 Lift up your hearts!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Hy5eohfITw>

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet none other may we see:
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today.

Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
The halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift ev'ry human soul.

Lift ev'ry gift that thou thyself hast giv'n:
Low lies the best till lifted up to heav'n;
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our years,
Still shall those hearts respond, with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.'

Words: Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918)
Tune: Woodlands – Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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

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 **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. 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

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life *
and does the thing that is right;
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart *
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend *
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, *
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour *
and never goes back on that word;
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, *
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things *
shall never fall.

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

James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But

those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 312 Lord Jesus, think on me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtPD24Bvn38>

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin.
From earth-born passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife.
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me
When flows the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh!

Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share thy joy at last.

Words: Bishop Synesius (375-430), tr. A W Chatfield (1808-1896)
Tune: Southwell – William Damon (1540-1591)

Gospel Reading

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.

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.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Do you have any traditions in your family? Lots of us do, especially around Christmas – in the Quarmby family, pork pie for breakfast is a favourite. A lot of traditions are based around food in celebration. We have Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, then there's pancakes and chocolate at Easter, Harvest suppers in Autumn. Some traditions go back centuries, others are relatively new, like singing Christmas carols and decorating our houses with fir trees.

If we leave our native country we tend to take our traditions with us - although I have yet to get to grips with a Christmas tree and a barbecue lunch on the beach on Christmas Day in New Zealand with the sun blazing and everyone in shorts. In Leicester, the large Indian community have a big celebration for Diwali, the festival of light, when the streets are lit up. In several cities the Caribbean communities hold their exuberant and colourful carnivals. Closer to home here in France, the expat community in the Dordogne now host Open Gardens, just as in England.

Somehow when you are far from home, holding onto your much loved traditions becomes more important. It's a way of keeping your identity, holding on to something well known and comfortable.

It becomes even more important when your country has been invaded and is under foreign rule and foreign laws.

That was the background to today's Gospel. Occupied by Roman troops, governed by people who worshipped foreign gods and idols, it became vital for the Jews to hang on to their way of life, to differentiate themselves from the occupiers of their country who ruled so cruelly. They had a strict set of laws or regulations which should be followed by devout Jews to distinguish themselves from foreigners. Washing your hands in this context comes to have a double meaning – it's always a good idea to wash your hands when handling food to stop infection and disease – but the Pharisees were insisting on a ritualistic washing of hands and were thrilled to finally catch out Jesus and his followers for not following the prescribed law.

But Jesus makes the point that manmade laws and tradition can blind you to God's presence and word. So often people get caught up in tradition, in that whole bunch of thistles called "But we've always done it like that". There are many and varied examples in our churches, ranging from not decorating with red and white flowers which dates back to the First World War when it reminded people all too clearly of blood and bandages, to the ringing of a bell before the service starts. It's not to give an angel its wings as some would say, but goes back to when churches had no seats for the ordinary folk who, standing around, talked amongst themselves and had no intention of stopping until the bell was heard above the cacophony. Woe betide the newcomer who sits in someone else's pew or, *quelle horreur*, the new church

warden who suggests taking out the pews altogether to make room for social activities or toilet facilities. Or the vicar who suggests changing the time of the morning service.

It's as well to remind ourselves regularly that God probably isn't at all interested in the pews, the flowers, the timing of services, whether or not you have enough mince pies for Christmas or any of the other trivia that we get caught up in.

Tradition and manmade laws are just that – manmade. This is the point that Jesus was making – the laws about washing your hands and what you should and shouldn't eat are human laws. It's not what you put into your body that counts, because your body is supremely well designed to process it and expel it. It's what is in your heart, mind and behaviour that is important. Food isn't evil – but our thoughts and actions can be. To God, what is vital is that humans obey his laws, and Jesus came to re-enforce those laws. Love is the most important of all – love one another. It's not just 2000 years ago in a different world from ours that harm can come from manmade laws and traditions as they seep into the culture of a place. I read an interesting recent take on this from a young American pastor – see if it resonates anywhere with you:

“My 34 years as a white, upper-middle-class, average intelligence heterosexual Christian American male who has followed the rules, stayed out of trouble, and minded my own business, has resulted thus far in a good job, an incredible wife, and healthy children all under the roof of a large home in a safe, white, middle-class neighbourhood. And I earned it. I followed the rules, stayed out of trouble, and minded my own business. I played the game and so I get to enjoy my winnings.”

There's a but: “I hate hearing Jesus say that the whole time I've been so focused on following the rules and pursuing success, he's been doing amazing things for, with, and among people I'd worked hard to ignore or put down: people who were born with a different skin colour or a different gender attraction; people born into a different income bracket or a rougher neighbourhood; people born with bodies more susceptible to diseases of the flesh or the mind.....”

On reflection now he says:

“I see the tears of countless youth contemplating suicide because they feel the weight of not fitting in at school.

I see the tears of mothers whose black children were killed either by police officers who were taught to assume they were dangerous, or from other youth who, for a myriad of reasons, knew they would never be accepted by society, so they play the game offered by gangs and drugs.

I see the tears of struggle from immigrant families who came to America by circumventing the legal process because they believed their families' livelihoods were worth the risk; only to find out that the people who had the fortune of being born here see them and treat them as drug dealers and pariahs of society.

I see the tears of Jesus as he was dying on the cross on the hill overlooking Jerusalem – the place where the rules were made and enforced; the same rules that condemned him and the people he had come to save. I see the tears he cried as he tried to show all of us rule-followers a more noble, beautiful, and just way to live.”

Jesus was severely critical of those who bound others in rules of their making – he came to cut through them all and give us a simpler framework to follow. His main rule for us was to love one another, and he gave us only two rituals to follow – those of baptism and of the eucharist, of sharing bread and wine in his name. How hard should that be? Perhaps it's time we followed his laws, not our own. Time to focus on Jesus Christ, and his ways, not ours.

Amen.

Jane Quarmby, Licensed Lay Minister

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 of intercession

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Heavenly Father, give grace to the Church to be steadfast in faith, firm in your word, and zealous in serving those in need. In a world filled with division, help us to be one in heart and mind, so that we may faithfully represent Christ to the world.

We pray for our Bishop Robert, our Archdeacon Peter, our Chaplain Jamie and the ministry team in our chaplaincy: grant them wisdom and strength to guide us in your truth.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

Restore the world to knowledge of the truth and lead it into the perfect law of liberty. Heal the pain of those who have experienced violence, abuse, discrimination, or human trafficking and fill them with hope for the future. Raise up leaders who will pursue peace with wisdom and compassion, guiding their people with justice and mercy. Teach us to turn away from anger and hatred, and always seek understanding and forgiveness. Banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace all of your children as sisters and brothers.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

We lift up those who are suffering the consequences of climate change - those who have lost homes to floods and fires, those who face food and water shortages, those whose livelihoods have been destroyed by natural disasters. Comfort them in their distress and provide for their needs.

Teach us to walk gently upon this earth, recognizing that we are but caretakers of your creation. Give leaders, scientists, and all of us the insight and courage to make decisions which preserve the well-being of the planet and the human family.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide the students and teaching staff who begin a new school year tomorrow. May they come with excitement and energy, but also find peace amidst their anxiety about what lies ahead. Give children and young people a desire to learn, the patience to grow and the courage to face new challenges.

We remember those whose education is disrupted by war, forced migration, discrimination, and poverty. Provide them with stability and support so that they can return to classrooms where they can learn without fear and build a future filled with hope.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales, as they continue to receive treatment. From our own community we pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Gerline, Effie and Jill. In a few moments of silence, we pray for those we know who need your help today.

Bring them courage and strength in their troubles, and lead them to the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

Receive the souls of the departed into the Kingdom where human strife has ended and worship is made perfect. Surround those who mourn with your comforting presence and grant them peace in their sorrow.

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:

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

The Peace

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 195 Happy are they, they that love God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGXs_LhURa4

Happy are they, they that love God,
Whose hearts have Christ confessed,
Who by his cross have found their life,
And 'neath his yoke their rest.

Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heav'n's eternal King.

Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
And makes their loves his own:
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown!

Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesus' love.

Then shall they know, they that love him,
How all their pain is good;

And death itself cannot unbind
Their happy brotherhood.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1830)
Tune: Binchester - William Croft (1678-1727)

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 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.

The celebrant and people receive Communion.

Music: Tantum ergo

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), translated by J M Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LemXenB4e2c>

*Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.*

*Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Hymn 310 Lord, for the years

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd14v0e1RWU>

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
Tune: Lord of the years – Michael Baughen (b. 1930)

Blessing

The celebrant says

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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