

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

2nd November 2025 All Saints' Day

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=21GTTM2TIYA&list=RD21GTTM2TIYA&start_radio=1

For all the saints who from their labours rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed; Thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest: Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array: The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897) Tune: Sine Nome - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Matthew 4.17

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The minister says

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 have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever — for ever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

- 1 Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
- 4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with salvation.
- 5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; * let them rejoice in their ranks,
- 6 With the praises of God in their mouths * and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute on them the judgement decreed: * such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

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

Ephesians 1.11-end

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the

eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMYVdGjUC2c

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others Tune: Franconia – William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

Gospel Reading

Luke 6.20-31

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Luke 19.38

All Alleluia.

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.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd John Smith

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

Let us pray to the Lord, who has surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses.

Holy God, you are the Ancient of Days, enthroned above the tumult of nations. We thank you for the vision of your saints, who in every age have trusted in your reign that shall not pass away. Give your Church grace to live by the hope of your kingdom—to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to show mercy, and to seek peace. Strengthen us, that we may live as your saints here and now, reflecting the light of Christ in the world's darkness.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

We pray for your guidance in the search for a chaplain for our chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix-en-Provence and the Luberon. May those who participate in the process be guided by your wisdom and courage in their discernment and decisions. May this vacancy be a time when we are drawn closer to you, both personally and together as a chaplaincy, and may it bring renewal of spirit. Bless those that serve and minister to us.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God of justice and compassion, we bring before you the suffering of our world. We pray for all afflicted by storm Melissa, for those who have lost homes or livelihoods, and for all engaged in relief and rebuilding.

We pray for peace in Sudan, Gaza and the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and in every place torn by violence, for the weary and displaced, for those who risk their lives for reconciliation. And we pray for all who hold power among the nations—especially where decisions endanger life, as in the renewed pursuit of nuclear weapons. Turn hearts from fear and pride to the ways of mercy, that swords may be turned into ploughshares and the meek may inherit the earth.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God of the poor and the merciful, you bless those whom the world despises. Give us eyes to see your image in the hungry and the grieving, the homeless, the refugee, the forgotten. Make us generous in spirit and steadfast in love, that our lives may bear the marks of your kingdom and our deeds the beauty of your compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God of all comfort and compassion, you are near to the broken-hearted and you save those who are crushed in spirit. Look with mercy on all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: those who endure pain or illness, those weighed down by anxiety or grief, those who feel lonely, forgotten, or afraid.

We remember before you members of our church family who need your healing: Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Jean-Marc, Sarah, Josiane, André, Barbara, Josie and Christopher, and all who care for them with patience and love. We continue to pray for King Charles.

In silence we remember before you those in need of our prayers

Surround them with your healing presence, grant them courage in their trials, and give them the assurance that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Restore them to wholeness according to your will, and in your mercy make us all instruments of your tenderness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God of all the living and the dead, you gather your saints into one communion and one hope.

We remember before you those whom we love but see no longer: *The names of the departed are read.*

and we pray also for those whose names we have forgotten, but whom you remember.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

All and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace,

All and rise in glory.

Rejoicing in the company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises, we ask that by your grace we may, like them, be made perfect in your love.

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

The Peace

The minister says

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3.14-15

The peace of the Lord be always with you All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

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Ye watchers and ye holy ones
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia.
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia.
Thou bearer of the eternal Word.
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: John Athelstan Riley (1858-1945) Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen from Geistliche Kirchengesang (1623) arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

All

To you we come, Father of lights,
With angels and saints,
Where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
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, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your 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, 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.

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through 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 172 God is working his purpose out

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr3goa3DXsw&list=RDCr3goa3DXsw&start radio=1

God is working his purpose out
As year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
Wherever souls have trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God;
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
Ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work,
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind-The reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled

With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God,
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
'Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919) Tune: Benson - Millicent Douglas Kingham (1866-1927)

Blessing

The celebrant says

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace, and strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

All

The minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Offertory

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