



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

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Second Sunday 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 Canon David Pickering, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

*The service will be in two parts. Our Reader Christine Portman 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.**

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=S4z6M7\\_CSPc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4z6M7_CSPc)

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,  
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;  
Sing to him who found the ransom,  
Ancient of eternal days,  
God eternal, Word incarnate,  
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,  
Formed the seas, or built the sky,  
Love eternal, free, and boundless,  
Forced the Lord of Life to die,  
Lifted up the Prince of princes  
On the throne of Calvary.

Now on those eternal mountains  
Stands the sapphire throne, all bright,  
With the ceaseless alleluias  
Which they raise, the sons of light;  
Sion's people tell his praises,  
Victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,  
Sweep the string and pour the lay;  
Let the earth proclaim his wonders,  
King of that celestial day;  
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,  
Who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

*Words: Job Hupton (1762-1849) and John M. Neale (1818-1866)  
Tune: Unser Herrscher - Joachim Neander (1640-1680)*

## **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 God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading**

### **Proverbs 8.1, 22-31**

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104.26-end

- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, \*  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan \*  
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 All of these look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it; \*  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 31 When you hide your face they are troubled; \*  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, \*  
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
- 36 So shall my song please him \*  
while I rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more. \*  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
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

## Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yeZUBP7b7M>

Lord, thy word abideth,  
And our footsteps guideth;  
Who its truth believeth  
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
Then thy word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
And dark clouds before us,  
Then its light directeth,  
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
Who recount the treasure,  
By thy word imparted  
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
Succour to the living;  
Word of life, supplying  
Comfort to the dying.

O that we, discerning  
Its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
Evermore be near thee.

*Words: Henry W Baker (1821-1877)*

*Tune: Ravenshaw, medieval German melody, adapted by William H Monk (1823-1889)*

## **Gospel Reading**

## **John 1.1-14**

*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 John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to



all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Reflection

The opening and closing words of this morning's Gospel reading: ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.***

What a rich and profound array of readings we have in our lectionary this morning. They truly enhance our Ministry of the Word with their deep and thought-provoking themes.

The Old Testament reading from Proverbs speaks of the creative wonder of God's Wisdom: ***Does not wisdom call and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work.*** The psalm verses sing the praises of his wisdom. ***O Lord, how wonderful are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.*** In writing to the Colossians, St. Paul gives a profound theological exposition of the nature and meaning of Jesus Christ. ***He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible.***

The biblical scholar, Leslie Holden, writes of these words, ***'This passage cannot be said to lend itself to a ten-minutes' sermon, or to be heard, momentarily, between psalm and gospel.'*** Yet Paul's words, and those of the psalm and Proverbs, are only a preface to our gospel reading of St. John's Prologue: one of the most majestic passages in the whole of scripture.

John 1. 1 to 14 has a long and interesting liturgical history. Back in the twelfth century, priests were encouraged to use it as a private prayer at the end of the mass before they disrobed. To be said in Latin of course! In the 16th century it was incorporated as a final reading at the end of the mass, after the blessing, and still in Latin. And was known as the Last Gospel. This practice found its way into Anglican worship among some high church celebrations of the Eucharist, but read in English, of course! (I suspect we have a member of our Zoom congregation this morning who remembers this; but I won't name him). The reading of the Last Gospel came to an end in 1964, when it was omitted in the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

But John's Prologue is still a key liturgical reading. In the Book of Common Prayer it is the set Gospel reading for Christmas Day. While in the Common Worship order for Christmas Day there is a choice of three Gospel readings, John's Prologue *must* be read at one of the services. In addition the Common Worship lectionary has it as the appointed passage on the second Sunday after Christmas in each year of the three-year cycle. The final verse, ***And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth*** is used for the Gospel proclamation through the Christmas season.

But what are we to make of the WORD, which was in the beginning, was with God, was God, from which everything was made, and became one of us in the historical figure, Jesus Christ? The opening verse of the Bible in the Old Testament can perhaps help us. John opens his Gospel with a reference to this mysterious Word - which was there from the very start: ***In the beginning was the Word***. Similarly, the first verse of Genesis opens with the same phrase: ***In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth***. In both texts the word ***beginning*** does not just have a simple sense of time; its meaning has more to do with something of principal importance. Genesis and John are not talking in historical terms, but about the fundamental substance which underlies everything. So John in the opening of his Prologue, like Genesis, is writing about the basic reality of all things. And what can be more basic and universal for us human beings than words? Everything has a name, a Word. So what lies behind everything we can name is ***the Word which was with God, and the Word was God***. It is God who is in and behind all things.

Yes, God is there in everything that is good and beneficial, but what about the negative and evil things of our world, of which we can name plenty at this time? God is there, though his presence and reality seem to be missing. Even on the Cross, Jesus cried, ***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*** He was calling to what seemed, in that desperate time, to be his absent Father. But even in the darkest moments, God's presence can be restored.

Today's gospel presents us with a God who through his Word can be seen in all things, and is uniquely in Jesus Christ. And the words we speak and think day by day are a wonderful gift of God. How we choose them shapes and defines our lives, so perhaps we might put greater value on the words we use in everyday living. All our words, thoughts and conversations are framed by the words God has given us. And as he is the Word, he is present in them. When words are used in a negative or deceptive manner, then we are desecrating and negating God in our lives and the beauty of his creation. In the same way, all our positive words are expressions of God's presence in our lives and in our world. The Word is made flesh among us, and in us!

Amen.

*Canon David Pickering*

## **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

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for your Church in all its wonderful diversity. As the Church proclaims the Word made flesh, let his light shine through its ministry to the whole world.

Bless all those who gather to celebrate the octave of Candlemas at the St Victor Basilica in Marseille and give them the grace of the encounter with Christ, so that they can bring his light to their city.

Strengthen and guide Robert and David our Bishops, Peter our Archdeacon, Jamie our Chaplain, and our ministry team in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon. Give grace to us, in this chaplaincy, to serve Christ in one another.

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

We pray for peace in every land and nation. In your kindness, watch over the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, those separated from their loved ones, and those who have been forced to leave their homes.

We pray for those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice: grant them the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.

We pray for heads of state, and for our elected governments and their leaders: grant them the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children, and sisters and brothers to one another.

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

Awaken all people to the damage we have inflicted upon the earth. Instill in us a reverence for your creation that we may preserve its delicate balance for all coming generations.

We give thanks for those who cultivate the earth, for those who care for livestock, for those who plant and tend with care. We bring them before you, especially those afraid for their future, those struggling to survive, all whose livelihood is under threat, and

those who live in the shadow of poverty. We pray, grant them communities of support, fair economic practices, and strength and perseverance, as they live into your calling to tend to the gift of creation.

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

Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care.

We pray for King Charles's full recovery after surgery and give thanks for his willingness to share his diagnosis, encouraging others to seek medical advice where needed. We pray too for the continued recovery of the Princess of Wales and for Sarah, Duchess of York.

From our community, we pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Eddie, Charles, Jane and Gerline. In a moment of silence, we name before you those whom we each carry on our hearts.

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

We pray for those who mourn the loss of a dear one. May grief be healed in their hearts, to find new meaning and courage.

We rejoice with those who have passed through darkness into a greater light. Confirm and strengthen our own trust in the Word made flesh, that we may at last share in their joy.

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

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*

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

<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 M Butler (1833-1918)*

*Tune: Woodlands – Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

## 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 is your eternal and creative Word,  
through whom all things came into being;  
the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets,  
dying for our sins and rising again  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He stands among us in his risen power,  
opening to us his living word,  
and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.



Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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

**Music:** Margaret Rizza – The Real Presence; **Words:** David Adam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5dRyALRCe4>

Lord, be with me in the breaking of the bread.  
Lord, bless my heart, my hands, my head.  
Lord, be with me offering of the wine.  
Lord, bless body and soul, they are thine.

Lord, present in wine and bread,  
Stay with me, Lord, when I am fed.  
Bless the way by which I go,  
Guide me in this world below.

Lord, thou art there in bread and wine;  
Around my life may thou entwine.  
Bless, O Lord, the life I lead,  
From sin and stain keep me freed.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iUYYir9ujY>

Thou, whose almighty Word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the Gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring  
On thy redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the earth far and wide  
Let there be light.

*Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)*  
*Tune: Moscow - Felice di Gardini (1716-1796)*

## **Blessing**

*The celebrant says*

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in faith;  
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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