



*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. There is also a reflection by The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

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=gyYWW_P9MH4

God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,

He who breathes through all creation,
He is love, eternal Love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides and heals and makes us whole.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939)
Tune: Abbot's Leigh – Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

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 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.

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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

Genesis 3.8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be

with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The LORD God said to the serpent,
‘Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, *
so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, *
more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I believed, and so I spoke’ - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiVrwVV3Liw>

Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and yours alone.
May my will for ever be
More and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
Never let me go.
Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and yours alone.

Text and music: David Bilbrough (b. 1955)

Gospel Reading

Mark 3.20-end

The minister says

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.

cf John 8.12

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.**

Then Jesus went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When Jesus's family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

Since last Sunday, we have entered the Church's Ordinary Time, which lasts until Advent. What does 'ordinary' mean in this context? Business as usual? Some prefer to call this 6-month period the 'season of living into the mission of the Church'. Indeed, you will find this 'season' punctuated by themes that highlight the mission and work of the Church. It should be for us a time to grow and live the life of Christ.

However, Ordinary Time begins this year with Jesus in conflict. Last Sunday, we heard how the Pharisees began conspiring with the Herodians to destroy Jesus. Today, we hear about conflict with scribes and authorities. In a few alarming lines, we even hear about a possible conflict between Jesus and his own family. And we have only read from the first chapters in Mark's Gospel! It's a troubling and challenging passage. If you expect it to make your life decisions less painful and costly, to affirm your spiritual comfort zones, you will not find what you look for here.

In these times of polarization, fear of the other, of identities questioned and defended, when conflicts of any size and shape have become 'ordinary', we long to know there is still a place where we can always find refuge, a place we could call home. As poet Robert Frost said, 'home [is] the place where when you have to go, there they have to take you in'¹. It is the place where you are known and loved, where your identity has been shaped, and where you are reminded of who you really are.

Jesus is back home, in Nazareth, after inaugurating his ministry. His reputation has preceded him. Much has happened since the son of Joseph the carpenter left home. He has driven out unclean spirits, healed the sick, eaten with sinners, chosen twelve disciples, declared himself to be Lord of the Sabbath. The hope and yearning in people's hearts that he has stirred up is so formidable that they can't leave him alone. Yet, many find this as difficult to understand, as we do today. They try to rationalise Jesus, asserting that he is not a divinely empowered healer, but mentally deranged, or even possessed by an evil spirit, "the ruler of the demons."

This situation is more than enough to alarm his family who come to retrieve him and take him home, get him away from the public eye, to shield him. Undoubtedly, Jesus' family are moved by good intentions: they wish to protect him and are concerned that he has overstepped and may be harmed. Perhaps they are more aware of where his ministry may lead than he is.

I find Jesus's behaviour in this passage disconcerting. Does Jesus truly dismiss his familial bounds? He seems stern and austere. Instead of offering reassurance to his mother and siblings, he renounces their claims on his life, and 'replaces' them with a new family of his own choosing: 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

I believe this is a moment when Jesus faces some questions: 'Who am I? What am I? Who are my people? To whom do I belong? Where should my loyalties lie?' This is the juncture when he redefines his identity. Redefining one's identity is a provocative act, and it almost always comes at a cost. This was likely a moment when Jesus said to himself, in the words of Thomas à Kempis, 'Do not care much who is with you and who is against you; but make it your greatest care that God is with you in everything you do.'²

Jesus pays a price higher than we can even fathom. Can you imagine the scene? Outside the house stand the so-called insiders - the family and also the religious authorities convinced of their understanding of God's will, rigid in their beliefs about how God's Spirit should manifest, and Jesus does not conform to their expectations. Inside the house are the outsiders - the outcasts, the tax collectors, the prostitutes. They are not concerned with dogma; they seek acceptance, forgiveness, and love. They yearn deeply for a sense of belonging. And in their midst is Jesus, declaring, "This is my family."

¹ *The Death of the Hired Man*

² *The Imitation of Christ*

I tremble at the thought of Mary standing and waiting outside that house. At the same time, I imagine what it must have felt like to be within that house with Jesus that day, to be acknowledged by him as kin.

If this doesn't touch us, then we are not truly attentive. Jesus isn't advocating for superficial change here. He delves into the depths, challenging what is entrenched, institutionalised and systemic. Outside becomes inside, and inside becomes outside. This undeniably widens the margins and confronts those who complacently assume their connection with God. As we listen to this passage today, it prompts us to peer beyond our boundaries, sectarian divisions, our socio-economic standing, and even our beliefs, so that we recognise our kin. God summons us to expand our familial bonds in a manner as startling as it was to the initial audience of the Gospel of Mark.

Here is the Gospel truth: Jesus is not deranged; Jesus is not possessed by malevolent spirits. Instead, Jesus possesses the wisdom of God; Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit - and extends an invitation to all of us to share in that same wisdom and Spirit within the new family of those who do the will of God. This is still challenging for us as a church today. A church where divisions and discord loom threateningly, endangering the unity of the family. We cannot listen to this passively: being a family demands engagement.

Be prepared: when God speaks and acts in the world, as he did in Jesus, both the message and the messenger defy conventional human standards. God's ways will invariably challenge, disrupt, defy human expectations. To human common sense, God's methods are unconventional, even 'crazy'. If we, either individually or as church family, align ourselves with God's will, we may be perceived as 'crazy' by worldly standards. In one of his most popular sermons, Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, passionately exhorts to such necessary 'craziness', as he calls it: 'We need', he says, 'some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God - like Jesus. Crazy enough to follow the radical way of the gospel. Crazy enough to believe that the love of God is greater than all the powers of evil and death. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it. And for those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, [...] it might come as a shock, but they are called to craziness.'³

Dare to be 'crazy'! Dare to do God's will!

Amen.

The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, Assistant Chaplain

³ *Crazy Christians*

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 for the Church and the world, as we thank God for his goodness.

Heavenly Father, grant unity to the Church, and strengthen her witness to the gospel faith. May all who confess the salvation through Christ share his love as sisters and brothers in his name. Grant us the gift of discernment, that we may recognize your work within and around us and cooperate with it more fully.

Bless and strengthen the Church leaders, especially our Bishop Robert, our Archdeacon Peter, our Chaplain Jamie and the ministry team in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon, that they may inspire us to take your Word to heart and fulfil your will with our words and deeds.

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

You rule over the nations and call them to account, that they might better reflect your purposes and your desire for all humanity to flourish. We pray for all those entrusted with leadership responsibilities in the world, that they may serve in good faith, for the well-being of those entrusted into their care. Bless us with the wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division.

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

As we remember those who faced danger and death in Normandy eighty years ago, enabling the end of the Second World War and the restoration of peace, grant us courage to pursue what is right, the will to work with others, and strength to overcome tyranny and oppression.

We pray for those who want wars, those who start them, stir them up senselessly, maintain and prolong them uselessly, or cynically profit from them. Father, enlighten their hearts, and set before their eyes the trail of misfortune they provoke.

We pray for peacemakers. Strengthen them to oppose the obstinate logic of confrontation, and to work toward opening up peaceful paths of encounter and dialogue. May their efforts be crowned with success.

We pray for the victims of wars, both past and present. Welcome all those who died in these terrible conflicts and come to the aid of all those who suffer today: the poor and

the weak, the elderly, women, and children, who are always the first victims of these tragedies.

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

We thank you, Father, for sending your own Son to become part of an earthly family, and so, as he lived its life, to experience its worries and joys. To you we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time. Heal doubts and conflicts that may trouble us in our own families; strengthen us in our daily living that we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal.

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

We pray for those who are isolated, for those who have lost hope amidst their struggles, and for those who are suffering, in mind, body or spirit. Renew the gift of life within all who desire wholeness, bring healing and new hope.

From our own community, we pray for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Eddie, Gerline, Doreen, Patrick and Effie. We continue to pray for King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales. In a moment of silence we hold before you those whom we each carry on our hearts.

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

We pray for those who have had fellowship in Christ and have now entered the fellowship of the saints. May the love which they knew on earth be made perfect in the love of heaven. We pray for those who face the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one: comfort them and fill their hearts with peace.

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

Father, move us to praise your gracious will, for in Christ Jesus you have saved us from the deeds of death and opened for us the hidden ways of your 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=eMLvVYFxCT0>

Immortal love, for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea!

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

Alone, O love ineffable,
Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from thee is hell,
To walk with thee is heaven.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
Tune: Bishopthorpe – Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673-1703)

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 has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite,
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The celebrant says

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music: Gift of Finest Wheat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzlEsi8yp2k>

Words: Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

Music: Robert Kreutz (1922-1996)

*You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat,
Come, give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call your family Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to You,
Our praise and gratitude,
That You should count us worthy Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare,
Our oneness in the Lord?

The mystery of your presence Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell;
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us o Lord,
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity.

Prayer after Communion

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with 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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8HAPaVefTE>

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your god and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your god and mine!

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted,
Human pride and pow'r laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows and winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his law, declare his judgement,
Walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children,
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Tune: Ode to Joy – Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Blessing

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.

Picture: Faith, hope and love – The Camargue Cross, Notre-Dame de la Garde, Marseille (Photo: Chaplaincy)

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