



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

*10<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent  
Remembrance Sunday*

**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=VHEp08ESDi0>

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*based on Psalm 90*

*Tune: St Anne – William Croft (1678-1727)*

## **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*

*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 Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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

### New Testament Reading

### Hebrews 9.24-end

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

## Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oe-Vy5LkYEs>

Thy kingdom come, O God,  
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
Break with thine iron rod  
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace  
And purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time  
That war shall be no more,  
And lust, oppression, crime  
Shall flee thy face before?

O'er lands both near and far  
Thick darkness broodeth yet:  
Arise, O Morning Star,  
Arise, and never set!

*Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)*

*Tune: St Cecilia – Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)*

## **Gospel Reading**

## **Mark 1.14-20**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 5.3*

*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 after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee

and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Reflection**

Eighty years ago last week, on All Saints' Day 1944, a young doctor serving with the Royal Marine Commandos was killed in the battle for Walcheren Island in the Netherlands. Historians have written that the battle made possible the reopening the port of Antwerp to Allied forces, in time contributing to the liberation of the Netherlands in May 1945.

The young doctor was my mother's cousin. His name was David Winser. By all accounts he was exceptionally gifted, excelling not only in academic work but also in sport and the arts - he was an accomplished oarsman as well as a published poet and novelist. Above all he is remembered as a kind, compassionate and generous man. Having completed his medical training, when war broke out he volunteered with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was tending to the wounds of a fellow Marine when a mortar bomb fell on him, aged 29. His family and friends were left heartbroken. For seven decades afterwards, I came across people who had known and loved him.

Why am I telling you this story? Because I am old enough to have grown up with an awareness of the Second World War and its impact on millions upon millions of families. My own father was a prisoner of war but lived to tell the tale. As a child, keeping Remembrance Sunday was part of our annual rhythm of life. Yet as a young adult, I discovered that I was the only one of my contemporaries at university who had any idea of attending a church service on that day, or indeed to mark it at all. No one seemed to think it mattered.

Does it matter? Why do we bother with Remembrance Sunday? What are we doing exactly when we gather to keep silence, as we shall shortly do in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in Marseille?

I would like to suggest that remembrance is one of the most important things we do. At this season of the church's year, in quick succession we have All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday. All are concerned with remembrance, and each underlines an aspect of the paradoxes that lie at the heart of many religious traditions, including the Christian faith - ideas that have distilled through millennia as people have reflected on the mystery of what it is to be human. Notions of how death can also be the bearer of new life, and of how light is only truly appreciated when we place alongside it our experiences of darkness.

At its simplest, remembrance means not forgetting the past. The philosopher George Santayana suggested that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. One contemporary commentator has written that 'forgetfulness is the enemy of justice, and the destroyer of lasting peace'. They are salutary warnings.

A number of Christian writers (particularly Michael Mayne, the former Dean of Westminster Abbey) have also emphasised that other meaning of remembrance – to re-member, the opposite of dis-member. The act of putting together again, re-creating, bringing new life out of old, is understood as an attribute of the divine. We see it all the time in the work of the creator. Each spring we wonder at it. Each Easter we give profound thanks for it.

Like the penitent thief crucified alongside Jesus who says 'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom', our prayer is to be 're-membered', so that we become the whole person God intends. And Jesus's response to that prayer, in the central act of the Eucharist around which we gather each week, is to say: 'Do this in remembrance of me'. Not only in the sense 'do not forget me', but also 're-member me, be[come] my body in the world, your lives offered to God, your lives lived thankfully, your lives broken and shared in the costly service of others'<sup>1</sup>.

The costly service of others. That is what we remember on Remembrance Sunday as we honour, in humility and gratitude, those caught up in conflicts not of their making yet who (as members of armed forces or as civilians) gave their lives so that others might live in peace. In words that St John the Evangelist records as

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<sup>1</sup> Michael Mayne, *Pray, Love, Remember* (1998).

being spoken by Jesus himself, immediately after he has urged his friends to ‘love one another as I have loved you’, he says: ‘no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends’. That’s what David Winser was doing on All Saints’ Day in 1944. We owe it to the millions who did so, in two World Wars and conflicts since, to keep silence on this day.

In keeping silence, part of what we do is to reflect on the horror of war. One look around the world’s conflicts today reminds us of the importance of doing so. Poets are often best able to articulate it. Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, the priest-poet of the First World War, wrote this poem called *Waste*:

Waste of muscle, waste of brain,  
Waste of patience, waste of pain,  
Waste of manhood, waste of health,  
Waste of beauty, waste of wealth,  
Waste of blood and waste of tears,  
Waste of youth’s most precious years,  
Waste of ways the saints have trod,  
Waste of glory,  
Waste of God.  
War!

In keeping silence, we do well to reflect on what causes conflict, and how it can be avoided. We do well to reflect what promotes reconciliation between former enemies, and how it can be encouraged. We do well to reflect, not just once a year but every day, how in our own lives, in matters great and small, we can help to make the world a more kind, compassionate and generous place. And to remember that the environment in which wars break out is more ordinary than we think. As we pause to reflect, the words ‘Love one another as I have loved you’ would be a good place to start.

In closing, let us return to the Netherlands. In 1943, a young Jewish woman living in Amsterdam, Etty Hillesum, was deported to Auschwitz, where she died aged 29 (the same age as David Winser). Her diaries and letters, published for the first time in 1986 and translated into English in 2002, are an extraordinary testimony to a woman of deep courage, reconciliation and hope. In her diaries, Etty Hillesum wrote this:



'All disasters stem from us. Why is there a war? Perhaps because now and then I might be inclined to snap at my neighbour.

Because I and my neighbour and everyone else do not have enough love. Yet we could fight war and all its excrescences by releasing each day the love which is shackled inside us, and giving it a chance to live.'<sup>2</sup>

In the silence, let us commit once more to doing that. Giving the love that is inside us a chance to live. For ETTY, for David, and for generations yet to come.

Amen.

*The Revd Jamie Johnston, Chaplain*

## **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;**

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<sup>2</sup> ETTY Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life: The Diaries, 1941-43; and Letters from Westerbork* (1996).

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

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:  
for the service men and women  
who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

For those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief  
and the sadness of our loss.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

For all members of the armed forces  
who are in danger this day,  
remembering family, friends  
and all who pray for their safe return.

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

For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence  
the anger and hatreds of humanity.

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

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free.

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

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,  
political, military and religious;  
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve  
in the search for reconciliation and peace.  
We pray for the heads of state of the nations from which we come,  
particularly for King Charles and President Macron.

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

For all who suffer in body, mind and spirit, and those who care for them,  
remembering especially from our community Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle,  
Gerline, Elizabeth, Sarah and Alan.

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

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.

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

## **The Peace**

*The celebrant says*

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.'  
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=i19LgSpPxmo>

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords;  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;  
From despair your world release,  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.

*Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*  
*Tune: Rhuddlan – Welsh Traditional Melody*

## **Preparation of the Table**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

*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, 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.  
And now we give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
In him we see the cost of love and the price of peace.  
In him who rose from the dead  
our hope of resurrection dawned,  
the sting of death transformed  
by the promise of his risen life.  
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.**

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.**

God of agonising death and glorious resurrection,  
you break down the dividing wall of hostility  
and in Christ you become our peace.  
Uphold those who grieve, comfort all who can never forget  
and restore any who bear the scars of conflict.  
Raise up prophets of patience and courage  
who labour for peace faster than your world sinks into war.  
Bring understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation  
between old enemies, rival nations,  
conflicting faiths and bitter adversaries.  
Take your people to the river of the water of life, that there  
they may lay down their sword and shield and study war no more.  
Hasten the day of your coming  
when the last tear is shed and the curtain falls on enmity for ever,  
ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*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.**

*The celebrant and people receive Communion.*

**Music**

For the fallen

*Nils Greenhow*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR2FIPOgtIE>

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them  
We will remember them

**Prayer after Communion**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored  
the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the  
world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*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=it87e6a2ZJg>

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:

    O hear us when we cry to thee  
    For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour whose almighty word  
The wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:

    O hear us when we cry to thee  
    For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
Who bad'st the angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace:

    O hear us when we cry to thee  
    For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:

    And ever let there rise to thee  
    Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## Blessing

*The celebrant says*

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The service will be followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery in Mazargues, 24 Avenue du Maréchal de Lattre de Tassigny, 13009 Marseille, beginning at 11.30 am.*

## Offertory

The Diocese in Europe has a JustGiving page, making it possible for donations to be made to individual chaplaincies in a simple way. For those not already donating by standing order, we would be most grateful for any one-off donations at the following link:

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## Dates for your diary

7<sup>th</sup> December:                      Christmas Fair - 2.00 pm at All Saints' Marseille  
   Carol Service – 4.30 pm at All Saints' Marseille (shared on Zoom)

- 21<sup>st</sup> December: Carol Service – 3.00 pm at the Eglise Saint-Sébastien,  
Goult (Luberon) (*time to be confirmed*)
- 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve – Holy Communion at 4.00 pm  
Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence
- 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day – Holy Communion at 10.00 am  
All Saints' Marseille