



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille  
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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 Assistant Chaplain, 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        363 O God beyond all praising**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnnQpC9oLxU>

O God beyond all praising,  
We worship you today,  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder  
At ev'ry gift you send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you  
And wait upon your word,  
We honour and adore you,  
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour  
May serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty  
And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.

*Words: Michael Perry (b. 1942)*  
*Tune: Thaxted – Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

*All*    **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The minister says*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

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

*The celebrant says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Gloria

*All say:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## The Collect

*The minister says*  
Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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

### Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by your name \*  
and vindicate me by your power.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give heed to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; \*  
they have not set God before them.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who upholds my life.

5 May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; \*  
destroy them in your faithfulness.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give you \*  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

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

**New Testament Reading**

**James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn 250 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Slj2qCadeGI>

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

*Words: Taizé Community  
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)*

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 9.30-37**

*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.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Reflection**

"They did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him."

Nearly everyone has, at some point, hesitated to ask a question, held back by the fear of appearing bothersome, being judged, or exposing ignorance about what they believe they should already know. This reluctance often traces back to childhood or adolescence, when a seemingly simple inquiry may have led to embarrassment or dismissal. Over time, this hesitancy takes root, stifling curiosity and personal growth. What begins as self-doubt can evolve into a deeper fear, despite the undeniable truth that asking questions is essential to our understanding and learning.

In today's passage from the Gospel of Mark, Jesus speaks for the second time of his impending fate: "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." True to his succinct style, Mark leaves out any description of the disciples' reactions—the gasps of shock, the widened eyes, the silence that must have followed. Instead, he offers only a brief statement: "They did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him."

When Jesus speaks of the suffering that awaits him, he opens a path for his disciples to draw closer to him, inviting them into a deeper understanding of his mission. Yet, they shy away—either because they don't have the courage to admit their ignorance, or because they are unable to bear the truths that might cause them pain. The notion of a suffering, dying Messiah must have confounded them. Perhaps, like so many of us, they believed that evading discomfort would somehow spare them. Or perhaps they recalled the rebuke Peter received at Caesarea Philippi and want to avoid a similar humiliation. Whatever their reasons, their reluctance to ask difficult questions—of themselves, of one another, and of Christ—stifles their growth and limits their communion with God. In their confusion, they turn to quarreling, disputing trivial matters of rank and status. While Jesus foretold his death to reveal a kingdom built on self-sacrifice, the disciples betray their preoccupation with self-aggrandisement.

To help them understand that, in the kingdom of God, the world's understanding of 'greatness' is reversed, Jesus offers his disciples a teaching: "If anyone desires to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." To further explain this truth, he stages a living parable. Taking a child into his arms, he places the child before them and declares, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the One who sent me."

Jesus uses the example of a child not to invite us into innocence or naïveté, but rather to call us to abandon our desires for power and dominance. The child—powerless, vulnerable, without status—is the very one Jesus commands his disciples to welcome. In welcoming those without power, whose voices are ignored in the world, the forgotten, we engage in something far removed from the disciples' arguments about greatness. Indeed, Jesus dismantles human hierarchies as he takes this small child in his arms – this is a radical new order.

By placing the child at the center, Jesus makes visible a kingdom unlike any other—a kingdom where greatness is redefined, not by self-centered ambition, but by an embrace of those at the margins. If we aspire to true greatness, we must cultivate hospitality towards the vulnerable, those silenced by the world. It is within this embrace, in extending community to the marginalized, that we encounter the very presence of God. To place only ourselves, our closest circle of family and friends, and those like us at the center, is to distance ourselves from the presence of Christ and the One who sent him. In the divine order, power and prestige are not amassed by asserting dominance or chasing recognition. Instead, they are granted to those who embrace humbleness and vulnerability.

Yet, there is even more for us to learn about God in welcoming children. Their presence among us can open us to deeper, more authentic communion—with each other, with Christ, and with God.



Children teach us to honour our imaginations as paths toward God. Their capacity for wonder and creativity is nothing short of extraordinary. In the words of poet William Blake, they can

“See a world in a grain of sand,  
And the Heaven in a wild flower,  
Hold infinity in the palm of [their] hand,  
And eternity in an hour.”<sup>1</sup>

Jesus calls his disciples to this same imaginative leap: to envision a world where death is not the end, where suffering gives way to joy, where resurrection is not just a hope but a promise. But the disciples, confined by their rigid expectations of the Messiah, struggle to grasp this vision. They cannot imagine the world Jesus presents to them. "Welcome the child," Jesus urges. Open your hearts to wonder once again, to the childlike capacity for awe, and see the world anew.

Children teach us the courage to ask questions as we journey toward God. Their natural curiosity knows no fear, no shame in posing awkward, challenging, or seemingly impossible questions. When something puzzles them, they ask—boldly and without hesitation, persisting in asking until they find understanding.

We, like the disciples, often pretend to have no difficult questions. Yet, life's mysteries persistently elude us. Why do the righteous suffer? Why do humans inflict such cruelty upon one another? Why does evil appear to prevail? If even God's Son was betrayed and killed, what security can anyone claim? Why did God fashion a world so fraught with peril?

Children also reveal to us the essence of divine power. A child, in their helplessness and dependency, embodies powerlessness and need. In many societies, children are socially invisible; in others, they are legally unprotected. Everywhere, children exist at the mercy of those who are older and stronger. And it is this image of vulnerability that Jesus offers as a reflection of God. Do we truly wish to see the face of God? Then let us look to the child abandoned, to the child exploited, hungry, or fleeing from war. Look to the weak, the small, the simple, the vulnerable, and the powerless. Look to the least of these, and behold the face of God.

One of the most extraordinary and humbling truths of Christianity is that God became a helpless human child. In this week's Gospel story, Jesus deepens that mystery by revealing another truth: all children everywhere represent God's heart, God's likeness, God's power. To welcome a child is to welcome the divine. In God's kingdom, true greatness is found in choosing vulnerability, and in consenting to be little, we discover what it means to be truly great.

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<sup>1</sup> Blake, *Auguries of Innocence*

If you want to learn how to live with this mystery, welcome the child.

*The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, Assistant 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;  
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, guide your Church to welcome all, especially the overlooked, with open arms. Help your faithful people to work together for the Kingdom, seeking no personal honour or reward. May we have courage to ask questions when we don't understand, and the humility to learn from one another. Grant wisdom to our leaders, especially to Bishop Robert, Archdeacon Peter, our Chaplain Jamie and the ministry team in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon as they shepherd your flock, that we may all grow in faith and love.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, we pray for a world divided by wealth and status and where so many are driven on by desire for power and privilege. Open our eyes to see the dignity in every human being and inspire leaders, governments and us all alike to work for justice, to lift up the lowly, and to create societies where all are valued.

Bring peace to the troubled places of the world, where war destroys both human life and the beauty of your creation. Make peaceful the minds of those who contend for power, that they may know the freedom of your service. We pray especially for the de-escalation of the war between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and for the safety of everyone in the Middle East, as well as for the end of the war between Ukraine and Russia.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all those who have been impacted by floods in central and eastern Europe and in France, by wildfires in Portugal and other natural disasters in the world, remove the obstacles which they encounter, and guide them to the assistance that they need.

Help those who have fled war, violence, oppression and starvation to find safety, new communities of acceptance, and the resources needed for life.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we ask for your blessing on our local community. Help us to see and serve the needs around us, whether through food banks, charity work, or simple acts of kindness. May we be attentive to the lonely, the marginalised, and those struggling in our midst. Give us the strength to put others before ourselves, following Christ's example.

We pray for the children in our families, for all the children in our community and those who teach them and care for them. Keep their well-being and safety at the forefront of our minds and practices. Protect children from any harm and lead them into the future that is your will for each of them.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we lift up to you all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort those in pain, bring peace to the anxious, and hope to the despairing. Guide the hands and hearts of all caregivers. May the sick know your presence and feel your healing touch. We continue to pray for the recovery of King Charles and, from our chaplaincy community, we pray particularly for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Gerline, Effie, Jill and their families. And in a moment of silence, we name before you those whom we each hold on our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over death, and for the gift of eternal life. We pray for friends and loved ones who are with you in glory. Be close to those who mourn, help them to see beyond their grief, and give them peace and hope.

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        227 I come with joy, a child of God**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJiBomy535E>

I come with joy, a child of God  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
Each proud division ends.  
That love that made us, makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
Unseen, but ever near,  
Is in such friendship better known,  
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
By all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world  
The love that makes us one.

*Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)  
Tune: St Botolph – Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*

## 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** Kurt Sander (b. 1969) – The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom: Receive the Body of Christ

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N0OzASAUiu&list=OLAK5uy\\_mvK0paXbG8X6-XugHmoilrVv6fpISHp\\_w&index=26](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N0OzASAUiu&list=OLAK5uy_mvK0paXbG8X6-XugHmoilrVv6fpISHp_w&index=26)

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, we pray that your grace,  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually  
to be given to all good works;  
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** 62 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WQdWkCdXpU>

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)*

*Tune: Blessed Assurance – Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)*

## **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.**

## **Offertory**

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Thank you for your support.

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