



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille
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Last Sunday after Trinity*

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 Jamie Johnston, 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=dlyTfYBhuzU>

Jesus, in your life we see you
Making God's compassion known,

'Surely you have borne our sorrows,
Surely made our pain your own!',
See your touch bring hope and healing,
See your word set captives free,
See you suffer, mocked, rejected,
Dying on the shameful tree.

Risen Lord, you reign in glory;
But your wounded hands still show
You can share the outcast's torment,
Sound the depths of human woe,
Know where greed exploits the helpless,
Hear the addict's lonely cry,
Grieve at so much waste and heartbreak,
Feel for all the question 'Why?'

Risen Lord, you bear their sorrow,
Know how much they need your peace;
As you once healed broken bodies,
Offered captive souls release,
Take us, use us in your service;
We would follow where you lead;
Only your divine compassion
Meets the depths of human need.

Words: Basil Bridge (b. 1927)

Tune: Blaenwern – William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

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.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 31.7-9

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with songs of joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, *
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, *
and therefore we rejoiced.

5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, *
as the river beds of the desert.

6 Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, *
will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

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

Hebrews 7.23-end

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikj7CiC7v0U&t=36s>

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me,
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Tune: Gwalchmai – John David Jones (1827-1870)

Gospel Reading

Mark 10.46-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.**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see

again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

Before she was ordained, the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, was the Chief Nursing Officer for England. I recall her preaching a sermon about the questions Jesus sometimes asks when people come to him for healing. In the Fourth Gospel, there’s a man who has been ill for thirty-eight years, to whom Jesus asks: ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The answer may seem obvious, but Bishop Sarah said it reminded her of working on the accident and emergency wards of a London hospital, when people suffering from addiction would come in late at night seeking medical help. She often wondered what it was that had triggered that moment, the moment when they suddenly said: ‘This needs to change.’ It was, said Bishop Sarah, one of the most moving things about being a nurse, witnessing that moment in someone’s life, watching a doctor set them on the road to recovery, with love and encouragement. ‘Do you want to be made well?’

In our Gospel reading today, the question Jesus asks Bartimaeus is: ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ Again, the answer may sound obvious, but Jesus invites Bartimaeus to name his vulnerability – ‘let me see again’. There are other dimensions to the question too. For in this miracle story, like the others, there are many layers.

What do we know of Bartimaeus? We know that he wasn’t born blind, as he asks Jesus to help him see ‘again’. But his acquired condition has left him destitute, outcast, begging by the roadside. He has hit rock bottom (the place from which a person battling addiction often begins their journey towards recovery).

The man who had been ill for thirty-eight years replies to Jesus’s question ‘Do you want to be made well?’ by saying that he can’t access healing because he can’t get quickly enough into the pool of Bethesda - the pool that was thought to have healing properties for the first person to get in after the water was stirred up. That story touches on a tendency in all of us, when facing a choice that might help us change, to say ‘well of course I would, but...’. Not feeling able to let go of the props we feel we must hold onto.

Some commentators have seen Bartimaeus’s cloak as such a prop. The cloak was his only protection, possibly his only possession. It would have been wrapped around him against the cold of a Jericho winter. It would have been spread out on the ground to receive alms, his only livelihood. He might have held onto it tightly. Yet when he hears that Jesus is calling him he springs up, ‘throwing off his cloak’. How different from the rich young man earlier in

this chapter of Mark's Gospel, who couldn't let go of his possessions. Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with empty hands, ready to receive.

'What do you want me to do for you?' If we think back to last week's Gospel, we have heard those words of Jesus before, when James and John came asking for prime places in the Kingdom – status, glory, fame. Bartimaeus answers with just four words: 'let me see again'. He longs for renewed vision, and all that would come with it – wholeness, acceptance, inclusion, a future.

Mark's story highlights Bartimaeus's insistence, his own agency in his healing. The divine will somehow needs our human will to cooperate. There is call and response, almost in circular motion. Jesus is there to heal. He also responds to the call of human pain. Bartimaeus has been calling Jesus. Jesus now calls Bartimaeus, and Bartimaeus responds in turn.

'Go', says Jesus, 'your faith has made you well.' But Bartimaeus doesn't 'go' – instead, he follows Jesus 'on the way'. In its earliest years, the 'Way' was the word used to refer to the Christian faith. The way of the cross, but also the way to life, resurrection and new creation. Being made whole. Being made well. That's what salvation meant to the earliest hearers – in Greek, the word for wellness and salvation is the same.

The healing of Bartimaeus is the last miracle story in Mark's Gospel, just before Jesus arrives at Jerusalem and the passion narrative begins. It's the climax to a theme important to Mark, that of spiritual blindness and sight. Jesus's teaching about the nature of his messiahship is complete, but the disciples are still only half seeing, as their quarrelling about supremacy in the last scene showed. By contrast, Bartimaeus immediately recognizes Jesus as the Messiah: 'Son of David, have mercy on me'. Until now, Jesus has told anyone who thinks he is the Messiah not to speak of it. But he allows Bartimaeus to shout it.

The healing of Bartimaeus is a story of transformation. At the end of this service, we will sing the hymn 'Amazing Grace', written by the former slave trader John Newton. In it, Newton writes of the power of grace that turned his blindness into sight. Transformation through following Christ is liberating, a change from being self-centered to becoming centered on God and others. The giving way of blind eyes and a closed heart to compassion and hope.

One more layer. Bartimaeus is the only person healed in Mark's Gospel who is named. Some say there is significance in this. His name is 'son of Timaeus'. The surrounding culture in which these events are taking place is Greek. The Greek philosopher Plato had written a dialogue called Timaeus, which would have been well known to some of Mark's hearers. In it, Plato wrote that sight was the source of the greatest benefit, because when we contemplated the heavens it led us to philosophy, which for him was the greatest good 'ever given to mortals'. So perhaps at one level Mark is saying: this good news is beyond Plato, this good news is better than philosophy - following in the Way.

The Gospels were written looking back at the crucifixion and asking: 'was this good news?' Mark's unequivocal answer is yes. He contrasts Jesus's liberating, radical message of love with the spiritual and moral blindness of the religious authorities with whom he was so often in dispute. The blind man begging beside the road 'gets' it. The authorities don't. The disciples do some of the time, but then they get weighed down by the props of status and position. But this man has none of that. That's why he is remembered. Blind Bartimaeus understands and trusts the upside-down kingdom of God.

When we come to the Eucharist, like Bartimaeus we come with empty hands, ready to receive. And what we receive is everything. Through Scripture, sacrament, in fellowship within the body of Christ, what we receive is God's own self to nourish us. Not because we deserve it, but because that is what God is like. A God who in Christ meets us where we are and says, 'What do you want me to do for you?' Overflowing with love, now and forever. And that *is* good news.

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;**

**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, bless your Church with a clear vision to follow where the Gospel leads. Your Son Jesus Christ heard the cry of blind Bartimaeus when others sought to silence him: teach the Church to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we may respond, through the power of the Spirit, to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned.

We pray for our Bishop Robert, our Archdeacon Peter, and for our ministry team. Bless and guide them to serve you faithfully in all things.

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

Bring your light to a world where many stumble in the darkness of suspicion and prejudice. Help us to recognise the value and dignity of each person.

Stir the hearts of those in positions of authority to make provisions that address inequalities. May they see those under their care with eyes of compassion, understanding and love.

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

We pray for peace in the world, lifting before you the troubles and dangers faced by people and nations, the war-torn and the weary. Bless communities striving to rebuild their lives in peace and hope; guide and protect refugees fleeing from war and persecution.

May the efforts of peacemakers bring trust and understanding among groups and factions. We pray especially for peace in Gaza, Israel and Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

As we journey through the world, may we not be blind to the needs of those marginalised by poverty or affliction, who sit by the roadside today. Bless our community with a spirit of love and concern for them, inspiring us to work together to alleviate their suffering and to offer help and hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

May all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and those who live with the limitations of weakness, find strength and hope in your steadfast presence.

Have mercy on all who are afflicted with loss or imperfection of sight. Shield them in their journeys and strengthen them with your inner light. Bless and enable the work of eye surgeons and all who strive to support those with impaired vision.

We pray especially at this time for Malcolm, Peter, Gerline, Gabrielle, Effie, Jill, Elizabeth and Sarah, and for the continued recovery of King Charles.

In a few moments of silence, we bring to you those whom we know who need your healing.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed who have walked the path of faith. Grant them, and to us in our time, the perfect vision of holiness in eternity.

We remember especially today Doreen Fox, mother of David from our online community, who died yesterday. We pray for David and Chantal and their family, asking your comfort in their sorrow.

We heard too of the death this week of the Very Revd Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, a friend of our chaplaincy. We give thanks for his life-long ministry and pray for his family and friends in their grief.

May these two servants of yours and all who have died receive the light of life with the Lord in the peace of the heavenly kingdom.

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, those for whom we pray and the whole creation to your unending 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=A2M1f_34veo&t=37s

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope not Saviour,
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:

None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and pow'r.

All for Jesus! At thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! Thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! Thou hast died,
All for Jesus! Thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.

Words: William John Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1852)

Tune: All For Jesus – John Stainer (1840-1901)

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.

Communion anthem: Open thou mine eyes

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945); Words: Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQK9cDQySVw>

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see;
Incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God,
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, naught else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee
According to thy commandments
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
In blessing of lips,
In private and in public.

Prayer after Communion

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow or turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of the kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in 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=zG3wOkWyYAA>

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind and now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught mu heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believe.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807) and John Rees (1828-1900)
Tune: Amazing Grace, American folk melody*

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.**

Music **J S Bach – Bourrée no 1 from The Third Suite for Cello**
Aidan Hamilton, cello

Picture: Jesus healing Bartimaeus, Coptic icon

Offertory

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