



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

***12<sup>th</sup> November 2023***  
***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

### Reading

### Wisdom 6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

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**

## **Matthew 25.1-13**

*The minister says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

*Luke 19.38*

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for

you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**            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 of intercession**

during which we use the response:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

and at the end:

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

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.

*Words: William Whiting (1825-1878)*

*Tune: Melita – J B Dykes (1823-1876)*

## **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, 41 rue Ernest Rouvier, 13009 Marseille, beginning at 11.30 am.*

## Dates for your diary

- 26<sup>th</sup> November: Joint service of the Riviera Anglican Chaplaincies  
Holy Communion at 5.00 pm  
Église Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence  
followed by supper
- 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair - 2.00 pm at All Saints' Marseille  
Carol Service – 4.30 pm at All Saints' Marseille
- 16<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service – 4.00 pm at the Eglise Saint-Sébastien,  
Goult (Luberon)
- 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