



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

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*Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by the Curate, The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

*The service will be in two parts. Our Reader Jane Quarmby will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace the Curate will celebrate the Eucharist and we will share in an act of Spiritual Communion, the prayer used where it is not possible for communicants physically to receive consecrated bread and wine.*

**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=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 (1942-1996)*  
*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*    **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*The minister says*

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

*All:*    **Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

*All say:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The minister says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God, who in generous mercy  
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church  
in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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**

### **Genesis 50.15-21**

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 103.8-13**

8     The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9     He will not always accuse us, \*  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10    He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11    For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12    As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he set our sins from us.

13    As a father has compassion on his children, \*  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

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**

## **Romans 14.1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJwft3SY\\_PU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJwft3SY_PU)

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed,  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this,  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple  
We should take him at his word  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Words: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)*  
*Tune: Corvedale – Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)*

## **Gospel Reading**

## **Matthew 18.21-35**

*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.**

*All* 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 Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Reflection

"I don't know if there is a sphere of life that will not be positively impacted by being more forgiving," says an American psychologist. Indeed, forgiveness is a topic that has garnered increasing attention in recent years, with a growing body of social science research highlighting its myriad benefits. It has been listed as one of the character strengths that make for a good life and that contribute to human wellbeing, from improved mental health to enhanced relationships.

Researchers have even developed tools like the Forgiveness Likelihood Scale to measure our propensity to forgive in various situations.

In our Gospel passage today, we see Peter approaching Jesus with a question, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter seems to have his own Forgiveness Likelihood Scale in mind, seeking a quantifiable limit to forgiveness. However, Jesus responds with a staggering, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."



Peter's question is natural, for we have all experienced the pain of being wronged repeatedly, the sting of consistent affronts. Yet, Jesus' response transcends human scales; he implies that his disciples should embrace a limitless, measureless act of grace.

This is because God operates with extravagant mathematics. In God's economy, one sheep holds greater value than ninety-nine, a widow's small coin surpasses large contributions, and meagre provisions of five loaves and two fish can feed thousands with abundance left over. Similarly, God's forgiveness is mathematically extravagant.

Consider Jesus' parable of the king who forgives a massive debt from a lowly servant, only to have that extravagantly forgiven servant refuse to extend the same grace to a fellow servant in debt. This hyperbole is like a mirror that Christ holds up before us so that we can see our lack of willingness to forgive and compare it with God's boundless mercy.

The Scriptures consistently emphasize the obligation of offering forgiveness repeatedly. Leviticus instructs, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Lev 19.18). These exhortation follows on from the chronicles of the Patriarchs, which reveal that discord was more common than harmony. But accounts of forgiveness and reconciliation, such as the one between Joseph and his brothers, often culminate in the restoration of fractured relationships.

Yet Scriptures acknowledge that forgiveness transcends the interpersonal; it reaches into the relationship between humanity and God, who, in the word of the Psalmist, is "full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness."

So let us not reduce forgiveness to a mere moment of apology and absolution. It is a process infused with grace. Joseph acknowledges his ability to forgive as being God's grace, not his own merit. In contrast, the servant in Jesus' parable, despite being offered an unheard-of outpouring of grace, fails to grasp the power of forgiveness. His refusal to extend this grace to a fellow servant draws him back into a world of debt-keeping and vengeance.

Forgiveness in God's kingdom, points Jesus, is generous beyond limits. Offenders shouldn't be forgiven seven times – already a perfect number – but seventy-seven times, that is, forgiveness should be ingrained in our lives, our default mode, because we are a forgiven people, generously forgiven by God. When we stand in this abundant grace bestowed upon us, our response can only be to pay this wealth of God's forgiveness forward.

So, what does forgiveness that keeps no score entail? Does it imply turning a blind eye to evil and injustice? Certainly not. Today's passage should be considered alongside last Sunday's Gospel reading: the community has a responsibility to confront wrongdoers, support victims, and speak the truth in love.

Forgiveness does not entail ignoring offenses, dismissing the pain of wounds, or advocating for amnesia concerning past injustices. Forgiveness is not about avoiding change or assuming that God's mercy implies indifference to injustice. Instead, forgiveness begins with acknowledging of wrongdoing, recognition of harm. Forgiveness shouldn't lead to passive acceptance or unexamined complicity. - we have a duty to confront systemic evils. We must heed the words of theologian and anti-Nazi dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who cautioned against allowing forgiveness to degenerate into "cheap grace" – that is, forgiveness without the requirement of repentance. Forgiveness should trigger the arduous work of repentance and transformation.

Furthermore, forgiveness should not be conflated with healing or reconciliation. Healing has its own timeframe, and reconciliation may not always be possible. In this sense, forgiveness is not an end; it turns our eyes toward the future. God is present in our story, so we can rest assured that our hurts will not end in brokenness. The journey will unfurl with another chapter, a different path, another grace. From God's abundance, forgiveness can flow through us.

The intricacies of forgiveness extend beyond the frequency or extent of its application. Inherently boundless and immeasurable, forgiveness is part and parcel of God's Kingdom – so it is not an optional item in our “package” as Christ's disciples. Does that make it all the more easy to forgive? Honesty compels us to acknowledge otherwise. Those grappling with forgiveness for reason of circumstance, history, or trauma should not perceive themselves as less spiritually inclined than those who do not. The heartening news is that one can cultivate greater forgiveness. Like any skill, it thrives with dedication and practice. Every good teacher would underscore that practice is very much part of the learning and developing process - Jesus, in his teachings, makes clear that practicing forgiveness is not discretionary – seven times, seventy-seven times ...

Forgiveness may indeed be considered a character strength and virtue. It likely plays a significant part in leading us to more fulfilled and happier lives. It's quite probable that many score higher on Forgiveness Likelihood Scales than I do. Yet, as Jesus reminds us, we all are debtors who receive our Heavenly Father's mercy freely and graciously. Thus, we can take up the hard work of forgiveness for the sake of our world.

May we always pay forward God's healing grace and forgiveness, until justice reigns.

Amen.

*The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, Curate*

## **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

God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the Church and the world.

Heavenly Father, help all who confess the faith of Christ acknowledge the mercy they have received from you and in all things be slow to find fault in others, quick to forgive offences.

We pray for all who are called to work as leaders in our Church, our Bishops Robert and David, our Archdeacon Peter, our Chaplain Jamie and the ministry team in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon, that they guide us in faithfully mediating your love and forgiveness through our words and deeds.

As Christians in Marseille prepare to welcome young people and bishops from all the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, we pray that these Mediterranean Encounters will serve the unity of the human family and renew in hope peoples who aspire to peace. May the visit of Pope Francis be a time of fraternity and grace and inspire us all to offer hospitality and be always open to new encounters.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise for the beauty and bounty of your creation. Forgive us for the scars our carelessness and greed have inflicted on it. Help us to safeguard your world, to learn habits that will restore harmony and balance, so that our children and future generations will benefit from the natural beauty which you have created.

We pray for all who have been impacted by natural disasters, earthquakes in Morocco, floods in Libya: give them strength, protect them from harm and speed the assistance that they need.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who serve our countries in positions of leadership, that they would seek wisdom and justice, mercy and truth. We pray that the visit of King Charles in France next week may strengthen the enduring values of the friendship between the two nations.

We remember the places in the world where there is conflict and pray for peace like a river, restoring life and hope to landscapes devastated by war, and to hearts hardened by hatred.

We pray not only for the victims, but also for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world, for all governments which run on corruption and fear, for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject unforgiving principles.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

Have compassion on the nations and people which suffer under heavy loads of debt. Guide those who seek to help them in their problems. Bless the work of credit unions and banks that promote responsible lending. Bring a new spirit of generosity to those who have much, that they may be moved to relieve those who have little.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

Pour out your healing presence on all who struggle to cope with their illness We pray for the sick both at home and in hospital or hospice, and for those awaiting consultations and treatment. We pray for all who minister to their needs, both from within the family and from the medical staff and voluntary services.

From our community, we continue to pray for Malcolm, Peter, Margaret, Eddie, Gabrielle, Charles, and their loved ones. And in a moment of silence, we bring before you those known to us who need your healing.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close to them. Give them comfort, sure in the knowledge that they will meet again face to face in heaven. Bring us all to the place where sins are cancelled, and we will dwell in your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

Lastly, we pray for ourselves: may your grace cast out fear, heal the wounds we carry, bless, and transform us. May your compassion for us soften our hearts, setting us free to love and forgive generously and joyfully.

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, all for whom we pray and the whole creation to your unfailing love, as we pray together:

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=zRL\\_fi52iQU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRL_fi52iQU)

I come with joy, a child of God,  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
In love laid down to 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.  
The 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: Saint 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 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**        Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935) : Bless the Lord, O my soul  
                     Psalm 103.1-4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcwsM-G4fUQ>

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNNOFSLwLc8>

At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure

We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.

Mighty and mysterious  
In the highest height,  
God from everlasting,  
Very Light of Light;  
In the Father's bosom,  
With the Spirit blest,  
Love, in Love eternal,  
Rest, in perfect rest.

At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light;  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.

Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came;  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed.

One day this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
With his Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)*  
*Tune: Camberwell – Michael Brierley (b. 1932)*

## **Blessing**

*The celebrant says*

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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Picture: A Camargue Cross, with its interlocking symbols of a cross for faith, an anchor for hope and a heart for love. (Photo: Chaplaincy)