



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

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Safeguarding Sunday*

*Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday, which is Safeguarding Sunday. There is also a reflection by Christine Portman, our Reader and Safeguarding Officer, 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=OQv4EAwMFoQ&t=3s>

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

*Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900)*  
*Tune: Aurelia – Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)*

## 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*

Lord, help us to be a church that  
loves, welcomes and protects.

Lord, have mercy.

*All*    **Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:  
help us to be a church that values, cares and believes.

Christ, have mercy.

*All*    **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, help us to be a church that  
listens, learns and serves,  
repents, restores and transforms.

God of Justice and compassion,  
help us, heal us and guide us, we pray.

Lord, have mercy.

*All*    **Lord, have mercy.**

*The minister says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us 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,  
even when we fall into sin,  
you remember that you have chosen us  
to be your people.

Awaken us to the power and gifts  
you have bestowed upon us for the good of creation.  
May we be trustworthy in all things,  
working with purpose to increase your realm;  
through Jesus Christ 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**

**Isaiah 35.1-4a, 5-8, 9b-end**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 89.1-2, 14-17, 52**

- 1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: \*  
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.
- 2 I will declare that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; \*  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.
- 15 Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: \*  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
- 16 In your name they rejoice all the day long \*  
and are exalted in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and in your favour you lift up our heads.
- 52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore. \*  
Amen and Amen.

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.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body, so that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=485btt72V2o>

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall people know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall people know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

*Words: Roy Crabtree, from John 13.34-35*

*Tune: A new commandment – arr. Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)*

*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 John.

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

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, Jesus said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Reflection

So how are you feeling about today being designated Safeguarding Sunday? If you find the subject difficult, you're not alone. In general, we don't like bad news stories. It's uncomfortable to be confronted by other people's pain. Who wants to hear about scandals affecting organisations or people that we love? It's often easier to turn away. But what if I said there may be a silver lining to the cloud that's been hanging over the Church for many years? For this morning's opening hymn, I almost chose *God is working his purpose out*. What if, in the midst all that mess, God is showing his Church a better way to be?



We know only too well how cover-ups happen. From large corporations and governments to public sector organisations like social services and the NHS, when they're threatened, members close ranks. Whistle-blowers who dare to raise their heads above the parapet are severely punished. The Church has been no exception. At the highest levels, incriminating evidence has been withheld from the police for decades. The Church, like so many organisations, has been concerned with safeguarding, yes - but with safeguarding its self-image.

In his book *Falling Upwards*, the Franciscan priest and spiritual director, Richard Rohr, discusses the changes we may go through as we mature, among them, shedding the false personas we create in order to protect ourselves. The self-images we project to the rest of the world are not, as the psalmist says, our *inmost being*; knit together in our mothers' wombs. Rohr reminds readers of the Samaritan woman at the well. Christ tells her: *'those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'* As a Church, our mission is to help each other to access that life-giving wellspring. So Richard Rohr has an important personal prayer: he asks to have at least one daily humiliation so that he doesn't get dragged into pride. Growing consciousness of who we truly are will bring us closer to our creator, but it can be a painful process as we peel back the layers to discover things that disturb us. In a similar way, our Church may be going through what seems difficult, but is, in fact, a very positive time. As failings have come to light the Church has been learning profound lessons of humility.

Last year more than 3000 churches took part in Safeguarding Sunday. We've learned, like so many caring organisations, the Scouts and care homes to mention just two, people with bad intentions seek us out. We need to be on our guard. We know we're not perfect and there are manipulative people who do all they can to hide their intentions. But we also realise our duty to do everything possible to ensure that we keep our church families safe.

This is so vital because, of all places, a church should be a place where we feel absolutely secure – a refuge where we can open our hearts to God when we feel especially vulnerable. This morning I could have read out the testimony of a church abuse survivor. Her account of what happened is just too harrowing, particularly the attempt to end her own life, so I'll only read what she says about her childhood experience, looking back on it from her adult perspective:

*That six-year-old girl is me, a now 42-year-old teacher and mother. On the surface, I look like I've got it all – a nice house, a loving husband, beautiful children, and a career I'm passionate about, but my demons still haunt me every day. The lasting effects of the abuse I suffered will never leave me. The flashbacks, the nightmares, the high anxiety, the lack of self-worth, the emotional hurt, the guilt, the shame, the physical pain – they're all there every day. I have weekly therapy, which allows me to function and enjoy the wonderful things in life I've been blessed with.*

*Have I lost my faith? No. Do I take my children to church? Sadly, I don't. I feel the Church let me down. I'm not angry with the Church, but I do want to know that the Church has moved forward and that everyone within a church community helps to protect children and prevent abuse. Don't turn a blind eye or assume someone else will act – do something. What would Jesus do? He would have talked, listened, challenged, and stood up for what is right. Reach out and be that voice for that scared six-year-old.*

Failure to protect can lead to profound spiritual hurt. And of course, we're not only talking about child abuse. We only have to think of recent revelations about elderly people preyed upon by so-called 'helpful friends' in order to access their bank accounts. So how should we reach out and be the voice that the victim would like to hear? When there's boring administrative stuff to deal with, when Safeguarding Officers ask for checks and ask us to fill in forms, what does our faith tell us? Very early on in the life of the Church, Saint Paul was clear: *Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves (Romans 15.1).*

It might feel awkward if, when we volunteer at church, we have to go through a number of checks. We know that doing so won't always unmask potential abusers. But these checks do discover and deter, and online training, learning how and where abuse takes place, helps chaplaincy volunteers to spot the signs, and pick up on potential risks. Training sensitises us to situations we may now see as 'not quite right'. Knowing how to contact the chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer in case of concerns means that we become a safer place for all. We must make every effort to ensure that the 42-year old mother feels her local church is sufficiently safe that she will dare to walk back in, and allow her children to learn about the gospel.

Jesus was clear about the dangers of mission. When he commissioned the twelve apostles he said: *'I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as wise as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard'*. We doves must, of course, be warm and welcoming. St Paul says in Romans 14 that we mustn't *'put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way'*. But as he also warns in 1 Corinthians 8, *'take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak'*. When we know the risks and put into place all the safeguards we can, we're helping both potential victims and their abusers.

We are, as Paul reminds us, *all one body*. In a short while, as Roxana breaks the Host, we'll say together: *Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread*. That passage from Corinthians continues: *If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

Just now we sang Jesus' words: *Love one another as I have loved you*. The new commandment reads:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’*

This is the bottom line, and when we truly love, we care, and we protect.

Amen.

*Christine Portman, Reader*

## **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**

Lord, we pray for our Church, that at all times it will seek to protect and care for all its people. We give thanks for our bishops, Robert and David and for all they have done to establish a safer Diocese in Europe. We remember all those who serve in a safeguarding role, the diocesan team and the hundreds of safeguarding officers within our European chaplaincies. Give them your wisdom, discernment, and strength and help us to support them in their role, by remembering them in our prayers, and responding when needed so that we might be a safer place for everyone.

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

We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the family of the Church. Whether they are known to us or not, you know them by name. For those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape; for those in pain, bring comfort and healing; for those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength. Give to all those who suffer, kind and caring people who will accompany them through listening, support, and prayer.

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

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life. We pray for the peoples of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, and for all those countries torn apart by violence and war. Keep your hope alive in the hearts of those who suffer and mourn, and teach your people to seek your true, yet costly way of reconciliation.

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

Be with those who minister to the sick and dying, and all who bring light to those in darkness. We ask you by your Holy Spirit to touch and heal those whose lives are

disfigured by pain, fear, or weariness, that, raised to life through Christ, their sorrow may be turned to joy.

Within our church family we pray for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Margaret, Eddie, and Charles, and in silence we remember before you those in need of our prayers.

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

Lord, when you come into your glory, make us to be one with you and the saints who are now at peace. We remember all who have died recently, especially Jill Winsler, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. Bless and comfort those who mourn, that they may know your presence with them.

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=GbbcjEsiwb8>

Lord, we come to ask your healing,  
Teach us of love;  
All unspoken shame revealing,  
Teach us of love.  
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,  
Petty feuds, divisive factions,  
Hear us now to you appealing,  
Teach us of love.

When the bread is raised and broken,  
Fill us with love;  
Words of consecration spoken,  
Fill us with love.  
As our grateful prayers continue,  
Make the faith that we have in you  
More than just an empty token,  
Fill us with love.

Help us live for one another,  
Bind us in love;  
Stranger, neighbour, father, mother –  
Bind us in love.  
All are equal at your table,  
Through your Spirit make us able  
To embrace as sister, brother,  
Bind us in love.

*Words: Jean Holloway (b. 1939)*

*Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos – traditional Welsh melody*

## **Preparation of the Table**

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**      A New Commandment

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

*Words: John 13.34-35*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

A new commandment I give unto you saith the Lord, that ye love together, as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall every man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

## Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, lover of all,  
in this sacrament  
we are one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

## Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8ZKnxF02Ko>

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Be counted as his own;  
His gospel of forgiveness  
He cannot spread alone.  
The love which draws us to him,  
He calls us out to share;  
He calls us to the margins  
To be his presence there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
In faith and hope be strong,  
Stand firm for right and justice,  
Opposed to sin and wrong.  
Give comfort to the wounded,  
And care for those in pain,  
For Christ, in those who suffer,  
Is crucified again.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Who reigns as King of kings,  
Be ready for the challenge  
Of faith his kingship brings.  
He will not force obedience,  
He gives to each the choice  
To turn from all that's holy,  
Or in his love rejoice.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Give courage to the weak,  
Be unashamed to praise him,  
Be bold his name to speak.  
Confront the cross unflinching,  
Christ's love has set us free;  
He conquered death for ever  
And lives eternally.

*Words: Jean Holloway (b.1939)*

*Tune: Morning light – George J. Webb (1803-1887)*

## **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: Rembrandt (1606-1669) – *The Prodigal Son*, The Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



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