Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by our Reader Jane Quarmby, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

The service will be in two parts. Reader Jane Quarmby will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace The Revd John Smith will celebrate the Eucharist and the rest of us 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=ul9cDJMsn14

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless might! ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838), based on Psalm 104
Tune: Hannover (1708) – descant Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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 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.

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake,
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 1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end

Then the Lord said to Elijah, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered
them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; * I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord, all my good depends on you.’

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble in heart.

3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, * their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; * in your hands alone is my fortune.

5 My share has fallen in a fair land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, * and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

7 I have set the Lord always before me; * he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; * my flesh also shall rest secure.

9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, * nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy * and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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  
Galatians 5.1, 13-25

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKsbd5UqKkc

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
You are one with us, Mary’s Son;  
Purifying our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev’ry day  
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your pow’r breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
Born as one of us, Mary’s Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord.
Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
Live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your pow’r breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Words and music: Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

Gospel Reading Luke 9.51-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 Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, ‘Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?’ But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.
Reflection

A few years ago our eldest grandson and his friend came to us for a holiday. They were 15 and feeling very intrepid, flying out to France from England without an adult present and both we and they enjoyed their two weeks with us. Our grandson was going through what they now call “personal grooming” as a phase which meant hours in the bathroom doing his hair and whatever else young lads do in there. I was reminded of him when I read this chapter in Luke which whilst in my Bible is called “The Saviour on the way to Jerusalem”, could equally well be called “But first”. The reason I’m so strongly reminded of him is that halfway through the holiday they were both keen to go fishing, so Grandad agreed to take them the next day. The three of them spent a happy afternoon sorting out the rods and nets and whatnots, and in the evening Granddad explained that they’d have to leave the house by 7 in the morning to get the best spot at the lake and before it got too hot.

The next morning came, and Granddad and friend were all ready to go at 7 am. No sign of grandson who apparently was in the bathroom doing his hair. Quite why he needed to do this just to go fishing is a mystery to me but obviously most important to a teenager. Time ticked on and Granddad, punctual as ever, went fishing with friend. An hour later, grandson appeared, beautifully coiffed and smelling, as my grandfather used to say “like Fifi’s poodle parlour” and was astonished that no-one had waited for him.

He learnt a valuable lesson that day – especially when I escorted him on foot to the fishing lake rather than driving him there.

It echoes, in a very minor way, the lesson Jesus is teaching his followers and would be followers in our passage from Luke today. One man agrees to follow him but first, wants to return home and bury his father. Another agrees to follow him but first, wants to say goodbye to his family. You’d think that was reasonable, wouldn’t you? Respect for one’s parents was most important in Jesus’s time in Israel, a holy and respectful duty was to bury one’s parents decently and with honour. If I was going I knew not where, I would want to tidy up at home, I’d want to say goodbye to my family and friends so they’d understand that although I loved them, I needed to follow Jesus.

But both would be followers earn themselves a fairly stinging rebuke from Jesus. The dead must bury the dead – how does that work then? Jesus meant the spiritually dead should bury the physically dead. He is asking of his followers such a level of commitment that it takes precedent over all other relationships. The cost of true discipleship is high. Earlier he says to a follower that the Son of Man has nowhere even to sleep. Any disciple of his must be ready and willing to go anywhere at a moment’s notice, give up their family and their home, security, friends and all that they love, to put Christ and his work, first and foremost. No “but first I just need to do this, that or the other”, it’s drop everything and come now, not when you’re ready. This isn’t a human timescale, it’s God’s. The illustration of the
ploughman would have helped throw light on this apparent unreasonableness of Jesus, this unsympathetic stance.

Hand ploughing with oxen takes both hands and strength— one to guide the plough itself and the other to guide the oxen. And you need to look straight ahead – if you turn your head to look behind you then your lovely straight line that you’re making will get a wobble in it and a kink. If you take one hand off then you and your plough will go astray, and it won’t be easy to turn a team of oxen back round, much less a heavy hand plough. Jesus is saying that if you follow him then you must keep your eyes on him and what he wants you to do, no hesitation or backward glances at your old life. A new life in Christ means just that, entirely new, not a hotchpotch of the old and familiar and the new, no taking out the good bits that you like of each one. You need to be very focused and your absolute priority is looking ahead, on to being a disciple, doing God’s work, telling people about Jesus.

Jesus is preparing his followers for what’s to come, on this meandering path to Jerusalem, for him and for them. Opposition from the religious leaders is mounting up, he and his disciples aren’t universally welcomed wherever they go – and certainly not in the Samaritan village where he had intended to stop for a while. Historically, the Samaritans and the Jews hated one another, were racially prejudiced against one another and fighting was common between the two groups. James and John reflected this, wanted to bring down flame from heaven to burn the village and the villagers who didn’t want them, just as Elijah had done in the past. But Jesus isn’t Elijah, he doesn’t need to bring fire and destruction to prove God’s power, his message is about love, not hatred and destruction. So the two angry men, keen to demonstrate power and inflict pain and suffering on a traditional enemy, are rebuked. Their all too human reaction of wanting to fight back is the wrong one.

It’s an uphill battle for Jesus, getting through to his disciples what he is about, and what he isn’t about. Whilst his message and commandments are about love and forgiveness, this isn’t some idealist without any knowledge of the world. He knows exactly how hard it will be for people to put down their old lives and pick up new ones in his service. His standards are extremely high and he isn’t demanding part of them, he’s demanding all of them, heart, body and soul.

He still does today. How many people are prepared to drop everything to do God’s work without a backward glance, without doing all the jobs that need doing first? To travel wherever He sends us? Or are we also “but first” people, who would like to follow Christ, to do his work, but on our terms, once we’ve done all the other things that we find important?

How does that make Christ see us? How does it make us feel when we want someone’s attention but they are busy and we have to wait? I remember the reaction of a younger grandson who was the apple of his parents’ eye, encountering perhaps for the first time, someone telling him he would have to wait to be played with until Grandad has finished
reading the paper. Disbelief, puzzlement, shock, disappointment crossed a four year old’s face in quick succession. Eventually of course he did get his game and shrieked with glee.

But as we get older, we all experience the sensation of wanting someone’s attention but they are too busy for us at the time. In Joyce Mayer’s little book of meditations, cheeringly entitled “Good morning, this is God,” is this:—“A friend of mine had a vision once while she was praying. She saw the Father go into the homes of the people of America, all ready to fellowship and talk to them. He got Himself a chair at the table and sat down. The people got up, and they came and they went; they came and they went. They kept telling God “Later: stay right there just for a little while, God. As soon as I get this done, I’m going to talk to You.” The end of the day came, and the girl who saw this said it broke her heart, because she saw God, with slumped over shoulders, leave the home. And nobody had ever come to talk to him that day. Don’t get too busy. If you don’t have time to pray and spend time with God, then you are too busy. Take the time to tell God how much you love Him. God is never too busy for you…….”

So let’s not be too busy for God. Put him first and he’ll sort the rest of your life out for you. And you’ll be a true disciple of Christ, not just a “but first” one.

Amen.

Jane Quarmby, 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

Spirit of the living God, come fill us, that we may live in joy and peace, and that our lives may show the gifts of patience, kindness and generosity: that we may live in faithfulness, gentleness and self-control through your power working within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and you, blessed Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Mighty God, we pray that all people may have freedom to fulfil their vocations. Within your church may each find their ministry and calling. We pray for the newly baptized, those being confirmed and for new converts, that your church may grow in holiness, in outreach and in number. We ask you to guide and direct all who go out in mission, all who preach the word and all who minister the sacraments, and we pray for Elizabeth our Governor, our Bishops Robert and David, Archdeacon Peter, and for Jamie and our ministry team here in our chaplaincy.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We ask that you guide all who are called to govern, all who are in positions of authority or influence. We pray for the work of the United Nations and its peace keeping forces,
and we pray for all the humanitarian aid agencies helping those in Afghanistan affected by the earthquake there who have lost homes, families and villages. We ask for your help in bringing peace to Ukraine. We remember all who work in conservation and deal gently with the earth and we ask for your help and guidance as we struggle to repair the damage we have done to our fragile ecosystem and all the life forms you created.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their talents and gifts. Bless, O Lord, our homes and communities; make them places of generosity and gentleness, places of grace and goodness, places of holiness and hospitality, and begin now with us, to show us your ways not our ways, to make us true disciples.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all who are restricted by poverty or oppression, all who cannot fulfil their calling due to illness or circumstance. We pray for all who are afraid to commit themselves to anyone. We pray for members of our community, friends and loved ones who are ill, especially Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Andrew, Eddie, Elizabeth and all those whom we know who need your healing touch.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We rejoice with all your faithful people, and pray that you will make us to be numbered with your saints in that glory which is everlasting. We pray for benefactors, friends and loved ones departed, and especially for the family of Janet Dodd as they prepare for her memorial service soon.

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.

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=Of4l5bTdZ8M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4l5bTdZ8M)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart; it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Francis Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)
Tune: Nottingham – Wenzel Müller (after W.A Mozart) (1747-1835)

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:

\textit{All}  
\textbf{Christ has died:}
\textbf{Christ is risen:}
\textbf{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:

\textit{All}  
\textbf{Blessing and honour and glory and power}  
\textbf{be yours for ever and ever.}  
\textbf{Amen.}

The Lord’s Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

\textbf{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.  \textbf{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 ours heart, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music

Tantum Ergo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfeQ8pXOYXA

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), translated by J M Neale (1818-1866) and others
Music: Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921)

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBSPvatOtvo

He who would valiant be
‘gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There’s no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound –
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I’ll fear not what men say,
I’ll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Words: Pearcy Dearmer (1867-1936) after John Bunyan (1628-1688)
Tune: Monk’s Gate, traditional English – adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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.

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

Offertory

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