

L'OASIS LORQUES

With St John's St Raphael



*A "Fresh Expression" of
Church in Community*

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Sunday Prayer

and

Holy Communion

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Sunday February 22nd 2009

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Song

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.
Amen

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.
Amen.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

We meet in the presence of God
And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in highest heaven
We gather to worship God

With new friends and old, with family and strangers
We praise God's holy name

In homes and gardens, in towns and on the streets,
We praise God's holy name

With our hearts and voices
We praise God's holy name .

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And we do not meet alone

Who is it that you seek?
We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?
Amen. Lord, have mercy.
Do you seek Him with all your soul? **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
Do you seek Him with all your mind?
Amen. Lord, have mercy.
Do you seek Him with all your strength?
Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Gracious God, we thank you for being here amongst us this morning and we come to you with different needs.

Some of us here need to say "Help me"

And some of us need to say "Save me"

And some of us need to say "Hold me"

And some of us need to say "Forgive me"

So we will wait together, forgive one another as you forgave us, and we will praise you together. Amen.

Blessed are you Lord for you hear our prayers and our hearts dance for joy as we worship you. **Amen**

Prayer for the day

Dear Lord help us understand what it is that binds us together in fellowship and to learn that you call us to love and support one another in the difficult times. **AMEN**

Scripture Readings Isaiah ch 53

Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this; The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried—our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him

He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence. Justice miscarried, and he was led off—and did anyone really know what was happening? He died without a thought for his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people. They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man, Even though he'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true. Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain. The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through him. Out of that terrible travail of soul, he'll see that it's worth it and be glad he did it. Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as he himself carries the burden of their sins. Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly—the best of everything, the highest honors— Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he embraced the company of the lowest. He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.

Gospel Mark ch 9 v 2- 9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, three of them did see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus. Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him." The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you're free to talk." They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth "rising from the dead" meant.

Shared Reflection Jack Heaslip

Our prayers for others

L'Oasis Lorgues meets each 2nd Sunday at the home of Peter and Shirley Massey 1801 Chemin des Pailles LOGUES, and each 4th Sunday with St John's St Raphael at the Maison des Pères

Contact Peter or Shirley Massey at 0494 739337 And keep in touch on the web at www.arc-en-provence.com/oasis



CONNECT PRAYER GROUP

Connect meets on the first Friday of the month between 6 and 7.30 pm at Domain de St Marc, Chemin des Pailles LOGUES Details from **Peter at 0494 739337 or Alistair at 0674934208**

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Services Are held on the 1st and third Sundays of the month at 11.00am with Sisters Cecile and Jean at their home in Montauroux. A bring and Share lunch usually follows the service for those who wish to stay. For further information ring **0494 477426** www.cgaprasada.com

St John's St Raphael Ave Paul Doumer Every Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee. Shared Lunch on 1st and 3rd Sundays.
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