

# Rassemblement International Militaire Protestant

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## "Cévennes 2010, le RIMP"

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**Méjannes  
Le Clap/Gard**



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*Welcome to the 59th Military Gathering. Be assured that the whole team which welcomes you today has done one's best to offer you very good instants.*

*However, if you have any problems, don't hesitate to inform us and, as much as we will be able to try to satisfy you.*

*Continuity and change are the keynotes of this gathering.*

*Continuity, because it's enjoying a huge success and it would be a pity to change what you appreciate.*

*Change, because every year we need to bring anything new in our work and to improve the current programme (studies, worship, visits).*

*Thanks to all delegations for all that they bring every year.*

*Thanks to you, for your presence, prayer, good mood. We hope that you shall want to come back next year for special Gathering (the 60<sup>th</sup>) which we already prepare.*

*Good Gathering and the Lord blesses you.*

*Pastor Bernard Delannoy  
Chief chaplain*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delannoy B", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.



## ***The War of the Camisards***

It is legitimate to wonder why this very located war, rather led by the people (farmers, small craftsmen, weavers) and that made speak about it in all Europe, held in failure Louis XIV's army during 2 years (1702-1704) ?

Certainly, the answer is in the reason of this uprising, the cause was fair : to restore the freedom of conscience granted by Henri IV with the Decree of Nantes and cancelled by Louis XIV.

Let us come back 180 years behind, in the 1520's : Luther's new ideas (including the free salvation by faith) begin circulating in the cities of the Kingdom of France. 15 years later, the royal repression slows down the spread of the Protestantism without succeeding in stopping it.

Until 1540, from Geneva this time, Jean Calvin's ideas reach France and the first national synod of the Reformed churches is held in Paris in 1559.

In around 1560, the number of Protestants increases a lot. So they do not hesitate to infringe laws, take part to worship services in public, and ask, represented by the voice of Gaspard de Coligny, the freedom of worship service.

In 1562, a Decree grants this freedom but outside towns. This was unbearable for the Roman Catholic Church. The religion wars begin. They will last for 40 years. The Decree of Nantes, signed by King Henri IV, give French people the freedom of conscience.

This freedom will never be absolute. More and more restrictions will limit the freedom of cult service. (it won't be possible anymore to be Protestant and fulfil some function, for instance).

To stop the heresy, the Decree of Nantes will be cancelled in 1685 by the Decree of Fontainebleau. This one forbids the presence in worship services, on pain of prison, forbids to baptize and to emigrate.

In this context, 620 ministers (they, alone, have the right) on 780 existing ministers are allowed to go into exile. Temples are destroyed. This time is called "the Desert". Under the pressure of the "Dragonnades"<sup>1</sup>, thousands of Protestants forswear. Defying the ban,

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<sup>1</sup>The troops of the King set up at the farmers', torture them, pillage them and rape the women.

at the risk of their life, 200.000<sup>2</sup> Protestants will leave France for countries of refuge. Among those who stay, some people feign a conversion to the Roman faith, others resist and even take part to clandestine worship services. Reported, their possessions are confiscated. Their children are kidnapped to be educated in catholic orphanages, men are put in jails or in galleys, women are imprisoned in jails such as the Tower of Constance in Aigues-Mortes.<sup>3</sup>

In this context of persecutions, in a region of France, the Cévennes, begins the War of Camisards. (1702-1710). Pierre Laporte, also known as Rolland<sup>4</sup>, one of the main chiefs, organizes the resistance in the High Cévennes whereas Cavalier acts in the plains.

Facing the royal authority, (20 000 soldiers), groups of 60 to 100 men, counting to 300 when they gather, represent a force of 1 200 men at the maximum ! They will resist, harass the royal forces, fight to find the freedom of conscience back.

In 1703 is published, from Berlin, a manifesto of the Cévennes inhabitants : “we will never give up weapons, until we could profess in public our religion, and make the Decrees revive as well as the declarations which authorized the free practise.

This regional war, made of defeats and victories in both sides, exhausts the populations. Villages of the High Cévennes are burnt down, the population is deported. To slow down this strategy of the burnt ground, Cavalier attack the popist cities from the plain to the gates of Nîmes.

Trapped, Cavalier signs his surrender to Marshal of Villars in 1704. Rolland goes on fighting to December 1704.

We can say, that at that time, the Hour of the end of uprising sounded, even if it is still brewing and some rebounds occur until 1710.

Result is : among 7 500 to 10 000 Camisards, 2 000 died, 2 000 are prisoners, 200 were executed (burnt, wheeled or hung), 1 000 surrendered. The rest dropped out of circulation.

In 1715, the Catholic party won : being French is being Catholic. Did the royal power win ? Yes and no, yes because French Protestantism will never spread as it did in Alsace, for instance, and no because the French Protestantism has never totally disappeared.

Quickly after this war, Pastor Antoine Court will gather the flock, straighten the protestant churches which will be tolerated in 1784 with the Decree of Tolerance, that is to say 5 years before the French Revolution.

“Fanatics and rebels for some, hero of freedom for others, the Camisards surprised the contemporaries in all Europe and did not end up surprising...” This asymmetrical war was even the subject of a study by the pupils officers of St Cyr.

*Headchaplain Bernard DELANNOY*

*From Madame Marianne CARBONNIER-BURKARD “Comprendre la révolte des Camisards”,  
éd. Ouest France*

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<sup>2</sup> Near 1% of the population

<sup>3</sup> The famous prisoner Marie Durant will be locked in for 32 years.

<sup>4</sup> Nowadays, his house shelters the Museum of the Desert in Mialto

## ***Welcome to you all !***

You have arrived at Méjannes le Clap to share the 59<sup>th</sup> International Military Gathering with us. This year we are calling it "The Cévennes 2010".

I am your new camp prefect. I succeed my friend Eugène Bourlet, who carried out, with his team, a remarkable work. It is a very great joy and emotion to stand in front of you and to see you here tonight. I am greeting too the team which takes part to the preparation and realization of Cévennes 2010.

Before everything, I want to remind you some historic moments of this gathering :

For the first time in 1951, about 15 French soldiers gather during a week end in a Mecca for Protestantism, the Museum of Desert in Mialet, near Anduze. Up this date, as the years went by, the number of nations increased.

Among the themes treated during 59 years : "the Christian and the war", "The Christian conception of the citizen duties", "Being a Protestant nowadays", "The Christian, peace bearer !", "Together, for what king of token", "God, violence and us", "Which god do you want to serve ?".

This year we will study the theme "Believing today".

The aim of this annual gathering is that hundreds of soldiers think with the Holy Bible on a particular theme.

Another aim is to improve or to find out a Christian thought on real problems of everyday life. At last, an important aim is to meet each other and live together times of festivities, of conviviality, of sharing in a pleasant site, with chosen activities and excursions.

The Welcome Team, as well as those who have been preparing for this long weekend have been waiting impatiently for you since 2009 !

We have paid attention to every detail, so that this gathering will be the best !

If you notice anything lacking or defects in different areas such as your lodging, the catering, during visits or during Services or different festive meetings, we would be grateful if you would let us know your concerns. Come and see us at the Reception Desk or discuss them with your Chaplain or Chief of Delegation.

A Welcome File has been given to you on arrival which you can read in your own language !

Everything's included : the programme, essential phone numbers, and the tourist guide of Friday in Aigues Mortes and so much more...

The Reception Desk is located in the hall facing the dining-room where you will find all details of meetings : schedules, programme, various posters, information, stands and opportunity to share our cultures and experiences.

We look forward to hearing your comments and reactions.

Our aim is obvious : ***we want to see you back next year ! Come and meet us at the Reception Desk !***

My team and I wish you a pleasant and successful gathering. Enjoy "Cévennes 2010".

God bless you !

Chaplain Marc Schmitt, your camp prefect

## « Team Cévennes 2010 : the I.M.P.C »



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Headchaplain  
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06.07.58.23.24



Pastor Carmine ARIENZALE  
Communication  
06.23.61.68.50



Pastor Jean-Philippe ISOREZ  
Centre  
06.72.86.94.88



Pastor Stéphane REMY  
Workshops discussion  
06.30.54.36.62

## ***Meals Schedule*** ***(according to the colour of the badge)***

**Yellow :** (1st service) French speakers : France, Belgium, Switzerland, African delegations, Canada... Slovenia and Hungary, namely about 200 people.

**Blue :** (2<sup>nd</sup> service) All others : Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Great Britain... namely about 200 people.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Breakfast		7.30	7.30	7.00 7.45	7.00 7.45	7.30 8.30	7.30
Lunch	Noon	Noon	Noon	Giant picnic in the amphitheatre		12.00 13.00	12.30 13.15
Dinner	19.00	19.00	18.30 19.30	18.30 19.30	18.30 19.30	19.00	

# Programme 2010

## ***Thursday, 24. June***

<b>18.30 &amp; 19.30</b>	Dinner (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
<b>20.30</b>	<b><i>Opening Church Service at the Espace Forum</i></b>
<b>21.30</b>	<b><i>Party "nations' village"</i></b>

## ***Friday, 25. June to Vauvert & Aigues-Mortes***

7.00 & 7.45	Breakfast (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
8.30	Bus departure to Vauvert
10.30-11.30	<b><i>Church Service in the Big Temple in Vauvert</i></b>
12.00-13.15	Giant picnic in the amphitheatre
14.00-16.00	<b><i>Aigues-Mortes : visits of the Warden Tower and the Ramparts of the Town</i></b>
16.00	Gather at buses
16.30	Return to Méjannes (arrival at 18.00)
From 18.30	Dinner (1st & 2nd service)
21.00	<b><i>Concert in the village square</i></b>

## **Saturday, 26. June**

7.00 & 7.45	Breakfast (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
8.30-9.30	Worship Service at Espace Forum
10.00-12.00	<b>Workshops</b>
12.00r & 13.00	Lunch (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
14.00-15.00	<b>Workshops - synthesis</b>
After 15.30	Organizing the "Friendship" evening
18.30 & 19.30	Dinner (1st & 2nd service)
21.00	<b>"Friendship" Evening</b>

## **Sunday Morning, 27. June**

7.30 & 8.30	Breakfast (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
9.30	<b>Setting up in Espace Forum</b>
10.00	Ending of setting up
10.15	Cult service
12.00	Aperitif in the village square
12.30 & 13.15	Lunch (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
14.00	<b>Shuttle to Nîmes railway station</b>

# ***GPS Information***

## ***For drivers***

<b>Méjannes Le Clap</b>	44°13'20.00"N/04°21'04.00"E
<b>Vauvert</b>	43°41'36"00N/04°16'34"00E
<b>Aigues-Mortes</b>	43°34'00"00N/04°11'33"00E

# Introduction to the theme *"Believing Today, Today's Believing"*

*Prepared by the Dutch and German chaplaincies*

Perhaps it is actually not necessary to give an introduction to the theme "Believing Today, Today's Believing".

Because everyone is a specialist, when we talk about God.

But at the same time, everyone is just even unknowing as the other.

Hildegard von Bingen, a Nun, living in the Germany of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century dedicated her entire existence to God, and she tried her whole life to see something of God. But she also knew : "What we see from God is like the light on a cloud. We can't fetch a cloud, the light has another source : God lies beyond our understanding." So, Being a specialist and unknowing person at the same time.

We live our life's, each in our own century. Our experiences, desires, questions and answers are new to ourselves. And we have to find our own way in that matter, of course that's attractive and appealing. This our life. And we love to design the building of our life, independent and in our own way.

And doing so we're dealing with questions such as :

Believing, what is this to me ? Why do I believe, what do I believe ?

How do I believe ? On my own, in a community ?

What does my faith mean for my way of living ?

Which impact does it have on being a soldier and a believer ?

And at the same time : We are not the first believers on this earth. Every believer, in his or her days, had to discover what believing today, and today's believing means to him or her.

Fortunately many answers to those questions were kept and put together like in a treasury.

With great pleasure we, a small group from Germany and the Netherlands, have made some proposals to talk about in this conference. Maybe it is

better to say : we made invitations. Because we want to invite you : not only to talk, but also to walk, paint, listen, dance, create with each other. In our invitations you can see more then one trail. We life nowadays. What do we find in our treasury ? Which answers did other people find to the questions that are important, again and again, time after time ? How do I see God ?

How do I see my own world and life-time ?

How do I see myself ?

How does God look at me ?

To what do I dedicate my life ?

Everyone who made a long journey and everyone who has found a treasure knows : coincidence does exists. In many languages coincidence is translated with words like : to what happens to you, that what becomes unexpected part of your life.

We hope our contribution to the programme offers you a little adventure, a journey with new discoveries, also if it was 'only' that we can see the same things with different eyes. Surely we hope a lot will happen to you these days.



## Opening Church Service

Thursday, 24. 06. 2010

Organized by the German and Dutch Chaplaincies

Trombone choir

### Introduction

We want to celebrate together in worship,  
trusting that God's Spirit will work in us this evening.

That our singing and speaking,  
our praise and complaints,  
our prayers and celebrations  
will breathe new life.

When we trust him and move forward courageously,  
when we use our imagination  
and our hearts go out to the people,  
He will give us an open door,  
and his word does what it promises.

I am sure.

Liturgist      We are the people of God, the Almighty.  
**All**            **Created in the image of God,**  
                     **keepers of the creation.**

Liturgist      We are the people of God, the Redeemer.  
**All**            **Released in Jesus Christ,**  
                     **bearers of reconciliation.**

Liturgist      We are the people of God, the Giver of Life.  
**All              Open to the inspiration of the Spirit**  
**in faith, hope and love.**

## Song „We are marching in the light of God“

We are marching in the light of God,  
 We are marching in the light of God  
 We are marching in the light of God  
 We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
 We are marching, marching, We are marching, marching  
 We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
 We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching  
 We are marching in the light of God.

## Psalm 8 (French - English - German)

↓ Verse by verse alternately spoken ↓

<i>O Seigneur, notre Dieu, qu'il est grand ton nom par toute la terre ! You have set your glory above the heavens.</i>	<i>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth ! You have set your glory above the heavens.</i>
<i>Aus dem Mund der jungen Kinder und Säuglinge rempart que tu opposes à l'adversaire, où l'ennemi se brise en sa révolte.</i>	<i>Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.</i>
<i>When look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, la lune et les étoiles que tu fixas.</i>	<i>When look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,</i>
<i>Was ist der Mensch, dass du seiner gedenkst ? And the son of man that you care for him?</i>	<i>what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him ?</i>

<i>Tu l'as voulu un peu moindre qu'un dieu, mit Ehre und Herrlichkeit hast du ihn gekrönt.</i>	<i>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.</i>
<i>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ; tu mets toute chose à ses pieds.</i>	<i>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ; you have put all things under his feet,</i>
<i>All die Schafe, Ziegen und Rinder and also the beasts of the field,</i>	all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the
<i>les oiseaux du ciel et les poissons de la mer und alles, was die Meere dahinzieht.</i>	heavens, and the fish of the sea, what ever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth !  L'honneur fut au père et au fils et au saint esprit,  wie es war im Anfang, jetzt und immerdar und von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.  AMEN	O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth !  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  Both now and always, and unto the ages of ages.  AMEN.

## Confession

God, you gave us the four elements :  
Earth, Air, Fire and Water.  
You gave them to us in the name of life.  
But we have misused them,  
we have made them to become bearers  
of suffering and death.  
Consider our need, hear our cry and save your world.

Silence

God, we confess that we haven't shared the riches of the earth justly  
We have broken our bonds to the earth and to each other.  
We have chosen death, forgive us.

### **Silence**

God, you breathed life into the world,  
We confess that we have poisoned the air,  
That we have not cared for the fragility of creation.  
We have chosen death, forgive us.

### **Silence**

God, you are the Spirit of fire and cleansing,  
We confess that we lack inner fire and determination  
To fight for justice and peace on earth.  
We have chosen death, forgive us.

### **Silence**

God, you are the source of living water,  
We confess our inadequate ways of dealing with the world's water.  
We have chosen death, forgive us.

God, creator of earth, air, fire and water.  
We give ourselves to you and cry with all creation :  
Free us from our misuse of the precious riches of the earth.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

### **Silence**

# Kyrie eleison

Pastor : Christ, you've taken our infirmities upon you,  
Carried our diseases.  
Strengthen all the people who have to endure heavy  
burdens.

**All : Kyrie Eleison**

Pastor : Christ, please help us to recognize your presence in our  
neighbour ; let us be attentive to the poor and unfortunate.

**All : Kyrie Eleison**

Pastor : Holy Spirit, help those who have to live with hard times and  
discouragement. You are the source of hope and of life.

**All : Kyrie Eleison**

Pastor : Holy Spirit, help the people of Haiti who have experienced  
great suffering ; support the families who have lost their  
loved ones.

**All : Kyrie Eleison**

Pastor : God of love, give strength to those who have lost everything  
and grant courage to those who try to help them.

**All : Kyrie Eleison**

Pastor : God of love, awaken in the hearts of men the desire to  
to love those who suffer and hope for a better world.

**All : Kyrie Eleison**

## Gloria „O sing to the Lord“ (5 verses)

1/ O, sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. (x3)  
O sing to our God. O, sing to our God.

2/ By his holy power our God has done wonders (x3)  
O, sing to our God, o, sing to our God.

3/ So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets (x3)  
O, sing to our God, o, sing to our God.

4/ Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit (x3)  
O, sing to our God, o, sing to our God.

5/ For Jesus is Lord ! Amen ! Alleluia !(x3)  
O, sing to our God, o, sing to our God.

## Lighting the candles

(A Candlestick stands in the middle of a heart formed with tea lights. The participants have the possibility to go forwards and to light a candle. The trombone choir plays meanwhile.)

## Psalm 8 (chanted) « Ton nom, Seigneur, est un nom magnifique »

1/ Ton nom, Seigneur, est un nom magnifique.  
Sans fin, la terre en reprend le cantique :  
Elle répond de toute sa beauté  
À la splendeur du ciel illuminé.

2/ Mais tu choisis avant tout la louange  
des plus petits, des enfants dans leurs langes,  
pour révéler le secret de ton nom ;  
ainsi ta gloire à l'orgueilleux répond.

3/ J'ai vu ta main peupler le ciel immense  
de tant de feux qui tournent en silence,  
et j'ai pensé : cet homme si petit,  
Qu'est-il, grand Dieu que tu en aies souci ?

4/ Presque élevé à la grandeur divine,  
sur cette terre il gouverne et domine.  
Tu l'as de gloire et d'honneur couronné,  
Tu as placé toute chose à ses pieds.

5/ Tu lui soumets les boeufs au pâturage,  
dans la forêt, les animaux sauvages,  
tous les oiseaux qui volent dans les airs,  
tous les poissons sur les chemins des mers.

6/ Ton nom, Seigneur, est un nom magnifique.  
Sans fin la terre en reprend le cantique ;  
Le fils de l'homme, en son humilité,  
En fait partout resplendir la beauté.

## **Biblical Reading : Ephesians 4, 1-6**

We hear the reading from the new testament for this service. These words did not only count to the parish in Ephesus but also count to us, who meet during these days in Méjannes Le Clap.

“I, Paul, therefore urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Amen

## Introduction to the Sermon

Psalm 8 - we have spoken it together at the beginning and we have also sung it - is one of the most popular and best known biblical psalms. It is not only full of delightful pictures in poetic words. It has its effect also from its contents with the central question to God : "What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him ?" So you can find this heading of the psalm as one example :

"Revelation of the magnificence of God in man."

We want to bring psalm 8 in connection with the picture "starry night" which Vincent van Gogh has painted in June 1889 in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence in the South of France, and we like to turn to the four elements :

Fire, earth, air and water



Not because of a wrong romanticism of creation or because of somewhat strange esoteric sensations – but :

We -who have prepared the subject and this service- are sure "believing today" contents also being open minded to the reality of God in this world, accepting the gifts of God to us in it and when we recognise ourselves and our next ones as a part of God's Creation.

# Predication

## 1) Fire / Light

Light, which surrounds us in the morning,  
first light of dawn in which we stand,  
so cold, alone and so uncertain, cloth me,  
o light my steps command,  
Keep me from falling, guide us always,  
so awkward helpless for the task  
that we may never lose each other aimless,  
beyond each other's grasp

Light, guardian ruler of my city,  
persistent light which conquers all.  
Dear father light, with steadfast shoulders,  
come bear me up, alert, so small.  
See through my eyes, light child within me,  
and see if words perhaps may dawn  
where people wear their names with honour,  
where justice rules and peace is born.

All thing shall crumble and be scattered,  
all thing not rooted in this light.  
Our lips sow nothing but destruction,  
our deeds have vanished with the night.  
Sweet, singing voice of light within us.  
In every living heart is heard.  
Loved by all people, you the firstborn,  
O light, our one last spoken word.

Beautiful words by Huub Oosterhuis, a Dutch poet, inspired by the first words of the Bible, inspired by the famous words of Jesus : I am the light of the world.

## 2) Earth

It is good to feel the ground under my feet, God. The earth gives me a foothold, a firm footing. This is what I wish for my belief in God – that it provides me with a solid foothold and a firm position in my life. Life is sometimes quite complicated and the world I live in is getting more and more complex. Therefore I am looking for checkpoints or landmarks to give me orientation in my life.

I am familiar with the earth. I am part of the earth. The birds in the sky and the fish in the sea, the wild animals and the domestic animals – they are all Your creatures, God, like myself. I am a creature of God amongst all the other creatures, part of the world alive that You, God, created. But still – I am a human being, in Your eyes something very special. You take care of each individual ; there is no one, who is irrelevant for You. Sometimes I forget that I am something special for You and that You allocated man a prominent place in Your Creation. Then I do not feel as a part of the whole Creation. Then I destroy Your living Creation. This applies not only for me, but for many people. What is left is dead matter – seas emptied of fish, species threatened with extinction, destroyed landscapes, dirty waters, polluted air. God, you bestowed us with a huge responsibility for Your Creation. We abuse this responsibility for our selfish purposes. God, remind me that I am part of this earth.

‘You are made from dust, and to dust you will return.’, You said to Adam. This is my place in your great and marvelous Creation. Knowing my place, I hope I will not run the risk to become arrogant against all the other creatures. Therefore show me my place and my position in the world an open mind for Your Creation and the heaven above me. Thus spread out between ground and heaven I will praise You, God.

## 3) Air

Without air a balloon can't fly

Without the wind my kite doesn't get up in the air

Without air a sailing boat can't sail

Without air in the tires, my bike is useless

Without air you can't smoke

Without air no brass band

Without air the flowers don't bloom

Without air no bird can whistle

Without air no singing  
Without air you can't hear children cry  
Without air we can't breath  
Without air you're not there, nor do I.  
When I read Psalm 8 I think :  
For God we are like the air.  
Without us He can't live.

#### **4) Water**

Water means life.

65% of human organism exists of water. More than 70% of the surface of the earth is covered by water.

The rain which falls from the sky.

Springs of living water from the earth.

Everlasting circulation.

Water is energy.

Water satisfies thirst.

Water cleans. Water had it's deep meaning during my baptism.

Without water persons cannot live.

But water can signify not only life, but also death and declination.

The clear lake before my eyes, I see: Me, myself, as a reflexion.

But I see not only myself: I see many people here.

People of different nationalities,

gathered in peace, united

because they are all God's children:

    one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,  
    who is over all and through all and in all.

Amen

## Chanted Song : „All Creatures of our God and King“

1/ All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing.

Alleluia, alleluia.

O burning sun with golden beam,  
And silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise him, O praise him.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2/ O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
O praise him alleluia.

O rising moon, in praise rejoice.  
O lights of evening, find a voice.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3/ O flowing waters, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
O praise him alleluia.

O fire so masterful and bright  
Providing us with warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4/ Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds rich blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia.

The fruits and flow'ers that verdant grow,  
Let them his praise abundant show ;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5/ Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness ;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
O praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in one ;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Intercession prayer

Let us pray, trusting God's good will, in the hope Jesus Christ, the light of the world, our light, has brought to the world :

Merciful God, you gave us the earth to live on and you give us the air we breathe. From you comes the light of this world which gives us hope and deeply enters our hearts. You are our helper, so we trust. Therefore, we direct our eyes upon you and we pray for everybody whose looking is narrowed and for everybody who is measuring the value of the life only in results, use or advantage ; we pray that everybody who is detained by prejudices becomes free of blindness and becomes open minded for their contemporaries. Our eyes are on you, our Lord.

### ***Oculi nostri ad dominum nostrum***

Merciful God, we pray to you for everybody who doesn't see anymore the beauty and property, the charming and praiseworthiness in his-self and surrounding him ; that they become attentive for your tracks and that they are encouraged to discover your light as a pre-light of the coming life in midst this transient world. Our eyes are on you, our Lord.

### ***Oculi nostri ad dominum nostrum***

Merciful God, we pray to you for everybody searching ways leading towards a good future, to himself and to others. We pray for whose worry and order is to keep peace, to provide the goods which are necessary for life, whose order is to provide workplaces and to practice justice ; that they ask for peace which shines brighter than the light of our reason. Our eyes are on you, our Lord.

### ***Oculi nostri ad dominum nostrum***

Merciful God, we pray for our soldiers and female soldiers who do their service at home and deployed ; that they do not despair of what they see and that they contribute to peace with their activities. We pray for their families and friends and for all who keep them in mind ; that they have stamina and that they do not lose their courage in the time of the waiting, until they and their beloved can hug again. Our eyes are on you, Lord.

***Oculi nostri ad dominum nostrum***

Merciful God, you give us light and life. You open our eyes for the basics and you give us help and aid. We thank you in the Name of Jesus Christ, the light of our life, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit and rules from eternity to eternity.

Amen.

## The Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Amen

## Chanted song : "Seek ye First the Kingdom of God"

1/ Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added un to you.  
Allelu, alleluia !

**Alleluia, alleluia !**

**Alléluia, alleluia !**

2/ Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord ;  
Allelu, alleluia !

**Alleluia, alleluia !**

**Alléluia, alleluia !**

## Blessing

Liturgist : God, bless our ears,

**All : that they may hear good things,**

Liturgist : Bless our eyes

**All : That they may see our fellow men**

Liturgist : Bless our feet

**All : That they may find save roads**

Liturgist : Bless our hands

**All : for the work they do**

Liturgist : Bless our hearts

**All : So that we may give and receive**

Liturgist : Bless all your people

**All : who long for peace and justice**

Liturgist : Blessed are you all,  
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost

**All : AMEN**

Trombone choir



## Church Service

### Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>. June 2010

Organized by the Austrian and Slovene chaplaincies

Incoming music

Introduction

This meeting takes place in the name of the Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth.

Greetings

Hymn 1 : « **Kum ba yah**, my Lord, Kum ba yah ! »

1) Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah !  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah !  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah !  
O Lord, Kum ba yah !

- 2) Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah !
- 3) Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah !
- 4) Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah !
- 5) Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah !

Prayer

## Hymn 2 : "Evenou Shalom alechem"

Evenou shalom alerhem,  
Evenou shalom alerhem  
Evenou shalom alerhem,  
Evenou shalom, shalom, shalom alerhem.

## Bible reading : Luke 7/1-10

“Now when he concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

And a certain centurion’s servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving.

« For he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue. »

Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, « Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes ; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes ; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it. »

When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, « I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel ! »

And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

## Sermon

"Peace be with you, from the One who was, who is and who is coming! Amen"

Dear friends in Christ,

It would not be wrong to describe the Bible and more particularly the New Testament as the "Book of wonders". Constantly, in the reading, we meet people who marvel at what is happening in their life or in the others'. On contrary, nowadays, many people hardly believe or trust in what they do not know or personally do not control.

It is true that we are living in a time when we seem to be able to resize everything by ourselves.

During Jesus' lifetime, people believed in miracles, but also marvelled at them and were amazed. On Christ's birth, the shepherds were amazed about what they saw and heard.

During the wedding of Cana, the master of banquet was surprised about the water that turned into wine. People marvel led et what was happening in their life, Their eyes opened as Jesus touched them. Women got up, men walked as Jesus ordered it. Excluded people were restored to favour when the Christ visited them.

But the one who knew best wonders, amazements, miracles was Jesus Himself. In the gospels, He is only amazed on two occasions.

The first one was in Nazareth, because of the lack of faith of its inhabitants (Mark 6,1-6). Resigned, He left for a neighbour territory. And the evangelist Mark points out

that in his native town, Jesus could not do any miracles, except a few healings, which the evangelist doesn't seem to consider particularly surprising, on contrary to the lack of faith of Nazareth inhabitants, whereas Jesus had just healed the few sick people.

In another story, Jesus is amazed about the faith of a Roman officer, whom He healed the servant. To people who were surprised by the action of healing, the Christ underlines that the real miracle, the real subject of wonder should be the faith of this man for whom Jesus is filled with admiration. A captain, chief of company, having not only authority on the soldiers submitted to his command but also as a host on his slaves. But he knows how to use his authority better than other people and he also admits the limit of this proper authority. He has the power to decide on the death but not on the life of his subordinates. At the same time, power becomes for him synonymous with esteem and responsibility towards all what was entrusted to him, with interest for the country of occupation, his culture and his religion. He even learnt to know the values, and made some values his own ones. But before everything, he learnt to know, to estimate his servants, he felt responsible of them from now on. That's where is the limit of his authority. He can't decide about their life. In the same time, he admits that this power belongs to someone else. And he compares Jesus' power to his own power ; just as the military chief gives order to subordinates who are to execute them, Jesus has the

power to dominate the illness which must submit to his authority. Thus, this man detects the world in a realistic way, together with the eyes of a remarkable faith. As it is the case for most of the evangelic stories, I think it is a fact which can't be considered as unique.

I dare to hope, on contrary, that the faith of this captain was taken as a model. I wish for us the gift to know how to combine both realism and faith, power and responsibility between us and amongst the soldiers we are closed to.

Jesus was very surprised by the faith of this man, faith that He describes as an example to follow.

May God give us to find out, with wonder, miracles He is working amongst us : the existence of realist men and women who haven faith and act for the salvation of the others. Let's ask God, as the example of the captain, to offer us his salvation, being involved in the service of the security and the justice.

Amen."

## Hymn 3 : "Amazing grace"

1) Amazing grace ! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me !

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2) It was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved ;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

3) Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come ;

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,

and grace will lead me home.

4) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear.

It soothes his sorrows, heals the wounds, and drives away his fear.

Prayer

Blessing

Music

**Worship Church Service**  
**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>. June 2010**  
Chaplain Jean-Philippe ISOREZ

Contrary to the others church services, this one is not printed in the booklet. The course will be projected on the screen.

It is principally a worshipping and praying service



## Church Service

### Sunday, 27th. JUNE 2010

*Organized by the Austrian, Slovene and Swiss chaplaincies*

Incoming music

Introduction

Greetings

Hymn 1 : "Morning has broken"

- 1) Morning has broken like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the word.
- 2) Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3) Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning – God's recreation of the new day.

# Prayer

## Bible reading : Luke 14,15-24

“Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, « Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God » Then He said to him, « A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’

But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’

And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’

Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’

So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’

And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’

Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ »

## CONFESSIOIN

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord ; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost ; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried ; He descended into hell ; the third day He rose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# SERMON

***"Hate one another! Thus all will know that you are not my disciples !"***

Wars hardly admitted as such in Afghanistan and Iraq...

Children dying in Africa because mankind thinks only of gaining money...

Teenagers sold for sex...

Honest workers sacked just to allow multinational companies to make more profit....

Young men and women committing suicide because they have just never received any love...

Hate one another !!!

A motto that sounds so real for our world today !

Doesn't that reflect a barbarous world ?!

***"Hate one another ! Thus all will know that you are not my disciples !"***

The fact is that, for the world to admit that it is that way today, it must really have given up the idea of being Christ's disciple !

You must be thinking that it's a queer way to start this service !

Ok ! I admit it !

But, for us, military personnel from so many countries... so often confronted with evil and barbarism...

We who know how easy it is to be overwhelmed by violence...

We who are far too often tempted not to be Christ's disciples...

We just cannot be contented with being "cosy believers" !!!

Because our time of worship must be the time to strive for God's absolute and invincible Love for the world...

Striving for Jesus-Christ !

But that Love.. what has the world done with it ?

Confetti certainly !

And this world is feeling sore!

And our brothers and sister are feeling sore !

And I feel very sore when I see hatred sitting in comfortably... and spitting on Love !

Because this Jesus we have been talking about for 2000 years.  
This Jesus we claim to belong too...  
His business is Love  
And His business does not aim earning money... No !

No... what God wants to make of His Love is the answer to all humanity's questions !  
The answer to all the basic questions of humanity is found in His Love !  
But that answer has been despised for a long time already :

***"If that really worked we'd know about it my friend !"***  
***"Your theories about Love... we've been hearing them for years... and it just doesn't work !"***

But I'm convinced that is wrong !  
Have we only tried the answer of Love as an answer to our world's questions over time ?  
I don't think so !

Raoul Follereau often had this answer when people criticised Christians:  
***" Mankind is not tired of Christianity !"***  
***It has not met enough of it yet, to be tired of It !"***

We are Christians !  
Believers of today !

We are Christ's disciples !  
And you know what will make God's Love credible to the world ?  
Do you know what will allow Jesus to make sense to our fellow soldiers ?

I believe it is that the Church which we constitute be visible to the world  
Not only through words oozing with good thoughts !  
And even less with our nice uniforms !

No! What will give credibility to God's Love for the world... will be for us to be a band of brothers and sisters that make the world feel like joining us !

Brothers and sisters who really love one another !  
Men and women who can see one another's defects... and yet accept to live with them !  
Military personnel capable of being changed by the slow work of God's Love in them !

Yes.... Loving people !  
People who love loving !

***"If you love one another, all will know that you are my disciples" says Jesus...***

***That is what "believing today" is all about! Loving one another! Loving oneself !***

The New Testament tells us that the early Church was like that !  
And rather than trying to explain this myself, I would like to quote Mr Festugière... a historian I knew nothing about before preparing this sermon !  
It's a bit long... but I will read the whole of it.  
I believe one can find a good recipe for getting together to make a real place for God's Love in this world :

***"If I could dare tell you my feeling, the feeling of an old historian who has tried - hundreds of times - to understand the mysterious passage from the Greek heathen world to the Christian world, I would say what follows :***

***What converted heathens was not so much the novelties of the new doctrine they were told about, as the mutual charity that the early Christians practiced... and the feeling that they were at last loved that they experienced in joining the community !  
They weren't alone anymore ! They were looked after !  
They were - at last - not the "humbles", the despised any more.  
They saw the mayor at ease to sit next to them, in the same room, and listen to the same Word... during the same service.  
If they were poor or sick, they were helped.***

*If they were dying, they were attended to... they were told of that Heaven they were about to discover and where they would discover wonderful joy.*

*If that charity, that fraternity, fruit of the Love of a God who had died for them, had just been preached... had just been taught... I doubt that Christianity would have spread through the world.*

*But they felt it, they saw it...*

*(...)*

*That is the new fact, the totally new thing about Christianity.*

*That is what touched their hearts.*

*That is what converted them.*

*Not the words, but the example !*

*Even better : the truth of words made real by being lived !*

*The sublime aspects of doctrine undoubtedly passed way above them... as they certainly still do today...*

*But they saw, they experienced the benefits of concrete... daily charity !*

*If that had not existed, our world would still be heathen.*

*And the day that disappears, the world will be heathen again !"*

You know what ?

Our brothers and sisters 2000 years ago changed the world thanks to God's Love !

Do we still love that Love enough to get back into battle ?

Do we still believe in God's Love enough to change this world ?

I really hope so! Amen

John 13,31-35 et 1 Thessalonians 3,12-4,2

Offerings

## Hymn 2 : Let us talents and tongues employ

1) Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy :  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again, pass the Word around : Loaves  
abound !

2) Christ is able to make us one, at his table he sets the tone, teaching  
people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again, pass the Word around : Loaves  
abound !

3) Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us  
love to tell, bread to share : Got-Immanuel everywhere !  
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again, pass the Word around : Loaves  
abound !

HOLLY COMMUNION

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PREFACE

## Hymn 3 : "God, we praise your name"

1/ Holy God we praise your name.  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your sceptre claim  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.

2/ Hark ! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising ;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising.  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord :  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord !"

3/ Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
Though in essence only one ;  
Undivided God we claim you  
And, adoring bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

## INSTITUTION

"The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread :  
And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said : take, eat : this is my  
body, which is broken for you : this do in remembrance of me.  
After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying :  
this cup is the new testament in my blood : this do ye, as oft as ye drink it,  
in remembrance of me.  
For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, ye do show  
the Lord's death till he come."

## AGNUS DEI

*Christ, Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world, take pity of us !*

*Christ, Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world, take pity of us !*

*Christ, Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world, give us your Peace !*

## INVITATION TO THE HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER OF THANKS

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Amen

## Hymn 4 : « Now thank we all our God »

1/ Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices ;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

2/O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us ;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3/ All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven :  
the one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore ;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## BLESSING

### Hymn : Thine be the glory

1/ Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son.  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death has won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay

Chorus : Thine ...

2/ Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb ;  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing  
For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting.

Chorus

3/ No more we doubt Thee, glorious prince of life !  
Life is nought without thee, aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Chorus

## Musical conclusion

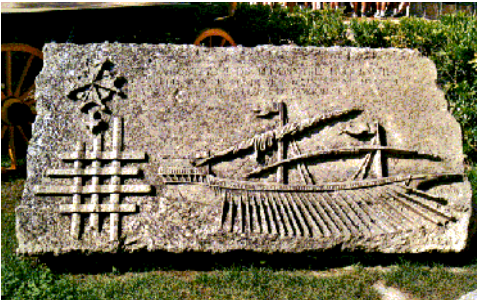




***The Warden Tower***



***the Ramparts of Aigues Mortes***



***The Galleys***



***The Big Temple in Vauvert***