



A Liturgy of the Word : Second Sunday after Christmas

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

**Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.**

**Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Lo! the apostolic train
joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.**

Author (attributed to): Ignace Franz; Translator: Clarence A. Walworth



Call to Worship

Sing aloud with gladness:
God is gathering the people!

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:
All who struggle; all who labour with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;
Those who get lost find a clear path home.
Let us worship the God who gathers us!



Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord:
Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.

The Gloria

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!
[Refrain]
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father! *[Refrain]*

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit! *[Refrain]*



Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleans 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**

The Kyrie

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Nkosi sihawukele x3
Krestu sihawukele x3
Nkosi sihawukele x3



The Penitence

Let us call to mind the times we have failed to love as we should and resolve again to fulfil, by God's grace, his commandment to love:

**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.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you: pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

**Almighty God,
You have poured upon us
the new light of your incarnate Word:
grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The seed is the Word of God, Christ the Sower
Whoever finds His seed will remain forever

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe & Fr Allie Joseph





Gospel Reading

John 12: 44-50

The Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

For the Church

Loving God, we bring before you the needs of our church. We pray for leaders of the faith everywhere. That they may be guided by the true light, Jesus Christ. As this new year begins, we bring before you in particular our local church leadership, our archbishop Thabo, our bishop Steve, the clergy and lay leaders of our own parish. God of new beginnings, lead us to the vision that Christ has for us.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer!

For our world and its leaders

We pray for those in authority and those charged with the wellbeing of citizens everywhere in the world. Lord let your light shine on our leaders, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, in lightening the burden of poverty and injustice. Lead us all into the joyful presence of Christ as we work towards the common good.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer!

For families and friends

Lord we bring before you the parish community of St Michael's. Bless us and keep us in your enduring love. As we start this new year, may you enlighten the hearts of your people by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. May we be



led by St Michael the Archangel and all the angels to the wonderful presence of your son Jesus. May peace and goodwill reign in our hearts and in our homes.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer!

For those in need

As you once said: "The poor you will always have with you." May we never become oblivious to the plight of the poor amongst us Lord. May we always have a caring heart and a generous spirit towards those in need. Bless those who work in our social upliftment initiatives and bless those who enable us to reach out in charity.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer!

For children and young people

Lord we bring before you our children and young people, their families, and friends. We pray for peace and calm as students prepare for the new school year. May you guide all those responsible for the education of our children and young people. Give them strength, courage and a sense of purpose in teaching.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer!

For the bereaved

For those who have died, Lord we pray that they experience everlasting light and life in your kingdom. Equally Lord for those who are mourning the dead, give us a full measure of your compassion and love and see us through this new challenge of sharing life with those still in this world and those who are with you in heaven. Renew our spirit Lord and give us enduring hearts.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of majesty and mystery, we bring our gifts to you, grateful that you are with us in good times and hard times. We do not know what the year ahead will hold but your love shines like a star to guide us. Bless these gifts that they may keep the light of Christ shining through the church to offer the world truth and wisdom, healing and hope in Jesus name. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

On earth as it is in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

Forgive us our tresspasses, hallowéd be Thy name,
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
hallowéd be Thy name, Hallowéd be Thy name.

Lead us not into temptation, hallowéd be Thy name,
But deliver us from all that is evil, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, hallowéd be Thy name.
For ever and for ever and ever, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.



Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

Prayer of Commitment

God of community and commitment,
We pray for wisdom and courage in the year ahead.
Strengthen us as a congregation to be a lively and committed witness to your love.
Help us reach out to our community in faithfulness and service.
Guide leaders in our nation and around the world
so that justice and peace may prevail,
especially in troubled places and vulnerable lives.
Show us all how to honour and protect your creation,
even when that takes sacrifice on our part.
Receive our humble prayers
and encourage us onward in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final Blessing

Depart now in peace, for your eyes have seen the salvation
which God has prepared for all people.
Grow in strength and wisdom
and bring forth a harvest of righteousness and praise.
And may God smile upon you and make you strong and wise;
May Christ Jesus share his inheritance with you freely;
And may the Holy Spirit open your eyes to the presence of the Saviour.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to blame and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.**





Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise with us the God of grace.

Artist: The Guildford Cathedral Choir



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