



# A Liturgy of the Word Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today is the first Sunday in August, which we mark as the month of compassion.  
The service will focus in part on child-headed households.  
We meet in spirit as the community of God's faithful.

## Processional Hymn

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill your world with light divine;  
all your saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their gracious King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;  
earth shall then its fruits afford.  
Unto us your blessing give;  
we to you devoted live,  
all below and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.



*Month of Compassion  
Child headed households*

Author: Henry Francis Lyte

## Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips  
**That our mouth may declare your praise**

Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Who has given us new birth through his Son**



Restore to us the joy of your salvation, Lord  
**And uphold us with a willing spirit**

For you have given us not a spirit of fear  
**But of love, and power, and self-control**

### *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 - Sesotho*

Tlotlo le be ho Molimo  
Ea busang maholimong  
Khotso e be teng lefatsheng  
Ho batho ba lokileng  
Re u boka ka thabo  
Re phehella thorisong  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela  
Ka tumelo e phelang  
A re rosiseng Molimo  
Tebohong e sa feleng  
U mohloli e moholo  
Ea busang maholimong  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Jesu mora oa Molimo  
U konyana e tlosang  
Libe tsa lefatshe lohle  
Re batla ho u rata  
U re hauhele bohle  
Ba llang mona lefatsheng  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

### *Collect for Purity*

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





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

*The Kyrie*

Song by Michael W Smith

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me*

I have built an altar where I worship things of men  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me*

I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end  
I bow my heart before You in the godness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me*



*The Penitence*

Wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Let us confess together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
in penitence we confess  
that we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your Name.**



*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*

**Gracious Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread:  
evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

*The Word of God*

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Open our hearts of Lord  
To listen to the words of your Son  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

*Gospel Reading*

John 6:24-35

*Hymn*

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thou art our food indeed.  
Ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living Bread,  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of Christ who died.





Vine of heaven, thy love supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice.  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;  
to thy cross we look and live.  
Thou our life! O let us be  
rooted, grafted, built on thee.

### *The Sermon*

by Ven Moses Thabethe

### *Affirmation of Faith*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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*

**Sung Response before the prayers**

Thapelo tsa rona, di tla nyolohela  
Di tla nyolohela holimo ho ntate

*Ho binwe Hosanna, Hosanna hodimo  
Hosanna hodimo, hodimo ho Ntate  
Ho binwe Hosanna, Hosanna hodimo  
Hosanna hodimo, hodimo ho Ntate*





Morena o tseba, mathata a rona  
Morena o tseba le seo re se hlokang

*Ho binwe Hosanna, Hosanna hodimo  
Hosanna hodimo, hodimo ho Ntate  
Ho binwe Hosanna, Hosanna hodimo  
Hosanna hodimo, hodimo ho Ntate*

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, even as you have given us your Spirit for the building up of your Church, your Spirit lives in each of us and we are in your Spirit. Hear us now, for it is your Spirit who speaks through us as we pray.

We come to you again, gracious Lord, thanking you for our lives in you, thanking you for your continued guidance, protection and provision. Indeed, our hearts cannot sing your praises sufficiently. We give you thanks gracious Father, for the relative calm that has been restored in the places in our country which experienced unrest. We continue to pray for the recovery of businesses that were adversely affected. We pray for the recovery and growth of our economy at large, that more of our people would have access to lives of reasonable provision and comfort.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We thank-you, Lord, for the recent decline in COVID infections and for the ease in lockdown restrictions. We pray that this will help businesses, especially the hospitality industry, to recoup and recover the losses they have sustained. We pray, gracious Lord, that more of our people could be vaccinated to avoid future lockdowns. We pray also, for vigilance amongst our people, and a sense of urgency in implementing all COVID19 protocols. We thank you for our doctors, nurses and medical staff, and continue to uphold them to you, praying that with the respite in COVID cases you would grant them a measure of rest and restoration.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord of love and compassion, in this month of August, as we seek to engender greater compassion within ourselves and within the world at large, we know we can only be aided through the presence and ministry of your Holy Spirit. And so we ask you, Lord, to fill us once more. Remind us of the love we had for you at first. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts after your own heart. May we see others as you see them, and thereby be moved, in love and compassion, to care for one another as you have called us to.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

As we focus on child-headed households, we recognise, Father, that our country is beset by many ills but that this is, perhaps, among the most grievous of them. As it deprives many of our children of the joy of childhood and retards their future health and well-being, we pray for a greater awareness around the issues of child-headed households. We give thanks for NGOs who work to mitigate their circumstances, and we pray for a greater partnering between government, NGOs and the private sector, so as to implement measures and policies which will support and alleviate the circumstances of all child-headed households.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

As we begin the month of compassion and women's month, our focus turns also to the women of our communities, whom we celebrate and honour. Gracious Father, we pray for a world in which, through the eyes of both men and women, the role of women, their inherent worth, dignity, and honour, would be rightly recognised and lauded. We





pray for the downfall and undoing of the deep-seated and destructive mindsets, prevalent in our country and in our world, which seek to cast women in any lesser light, and which make them objects of abuse and scorn.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves and those we love and cherish. In the midst of our current circumstances it seems so easy, Lord, to become despondent and negative. We fall into the trap of losing hope, of assuming the worst, and of failing to love those around us. We pray that you would help us to keep our eyes fixed on you. Help us to show compassion and love to each other, to encourage and strengthen one another, and to remind each other of the great hope we have in you, and that, this time too shall pass. We pray for your hand of mercy upon all who are grieving, asking that your peace would sustain them. We commit into your hands, Father, the souls of all faithful departed – may you grant them your peace and unending light.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty Father, we offer these our prayers, together with all members and friends of the St Michael's community. Your word says that you are a Father who knows how to give good gifts to his children. Hear our prayers, Father, and answer them as may be best for us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*Prayer for Offering*

O God, our heavenly Father: you remain faithful to us in the direst of times. You care for us not just in your love and protection over us, but in the way you provide for us and sustain us. For this we praise you and give you thanks. And now we offer to you, a sign of our gratitude and of our faithfulness to you. Bless these offerings, that they may be multiplied for the work of your kingdom. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

*Lord's Prayer*

*(Russian Version of Our Father)*

*Final Prayer*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace  
where there is hatred, let us sow love  
where there is injury, pardon  
where there is discord, union  
where there is doubt, faith  
where there is despair, hope  
where there is darkness, light  
where there is sadness, joy:  
grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console





to be understood as to understand  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Amen**

*Final Blessing*

We urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, to walk in a manner worthy of the calling of the Lord, 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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn*

God of mercy and compassion,  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.  
*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have deserved  
Death and endless misery,  
Hell with all its pains and torments,  
And for all eternity.  
*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have abandoned  
Right and claim to heaven above,  
Where the Saints rejoice forever  
In a boundless sea of love.  
*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*







See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,  
On the cross of Calvary;  
To that cross my sins have nailed Him,  
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.  
*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

by Edmund Vaughan

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