

A Liturgy of the Word Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Date : 6 August 2023

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

Processional Hymn

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
[Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
[Refrain]**

Author: Thomas O Chisholm

Call to Worship

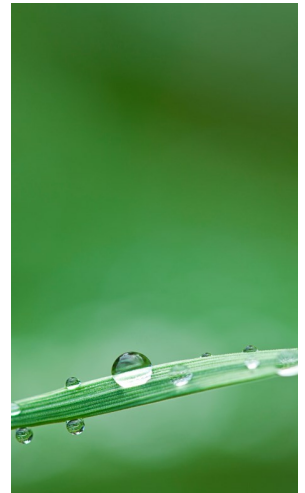
**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

Gathering Prayer

**Like Jacob on his desert wanderings,
we are called to draw to the side,**



to draw to a quiet place and encounter the living God.
We commend this time into your hands O Lord;
may you bless all who partake of this online service;
may your Holy Spirit find us where we are,
and speak to us the words we need to hear.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

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 Penitence

Rend your hearts, and not your garments,
and return to the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

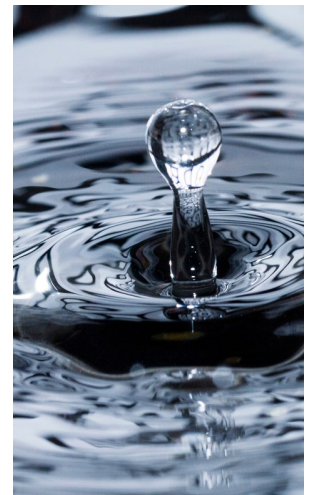
Let us confess together:

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

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Collect

Glorious God,
 you shower creation with abundance:
 awaken in us a hunger for food that satisfies,
 that in the miracle of being fed
 we will be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus' name;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Readings:

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

The Sermon

The Revd Dave Edwards

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

**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

We now come to a time of prayer:

Like Jacob, we sometimes find ourselves wrestling with life's circumstances. Like Paul, we may believe that in the midst our struggles, we are doing God's will. Wherever we find ourselves, and in whatever circumstances we ask, Lord, for your divine insight, and that your blessing be upon us, that we may in turn be a blessing to others.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Almighty God, we know from your word that you desire to provide for your people and your creation. In our own times we see, Lord, how much of the earth's resources we have squandered. In a world where so many suffer want and lack while others enjoy opulence and luxury, we pray for a more equitable sharing of the bounty of this earth. Be with and strengthen those who work to feed the poor and disenfranchised.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for those throughout the world suffering displacement due to war or armed conflict, those whose lives and livelihoods have been destroyed or destabilised by natural disaster and climate change. We pray for all refugees and economic migrants, that in the pursuit of peaceful and dignified lives, they would encounter your grace.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We live in a world which seems increasingly fractured and divided; while in secular society people may look for reasons to disagree, we pray for the Church, that it may not suffer the same schisms and division. We pray for our Archbishop, Thabo, and our Bishop, Steve. May we be united by your Holy Spirit, that we would proclaim a common message of hope, healing and love, to a broken world.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for the parish of St Michael's, Bryanston. We ask, gracious Father, that the values of your kingdom – peace, joy, justice and love – would be made known in this place. Empower all who teach and all who learn, those who serve and those who are ministered to, that your name may be glorified in this place and more people drawn to you.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We commit into your hands those experiencing discomfort, pain or anguish, whether physical, mental or emotional. May your Holy Spirit bring them peace in heart and mind, and may your healing hand be upon them. For those suffering chronic pain or terminal illness, may they especially know the comfort of your presence. We pray for....

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Finally, we pray for those who have lost loved ones recently. (Especially...) In their hour of sorrow, may you bring them comfort and healing, Lord Jesus. We also commit into your hands the souls of all faithful departed, especially those whose year's mind occurs this week...

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Gracious Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Offering

Heavenly Father, like the crowds on the shore,
 we hunger for the food you give us,
 food to nourish us spiritually and help us grow,
 we bring what we have to you today,
 though it may be small by some accounts,
 we know you will honour these and multiply them
 for the glory of your name and the work
 of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
 hallowed be your Name
 your kingdom come
 your will be done
 on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen**

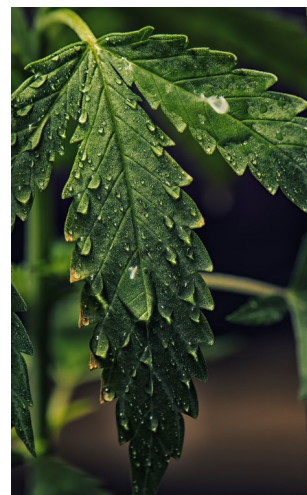
Recessional Hymn

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but you are mighty;
 hold me with your powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore,
 feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
 where the healing waters flow.
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
 ever be my strength and shield,
 ever be my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside.
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever sing to you,
 I will ever sing to you.**

Author: William Williams



Final Blessing

As we venture forth, may we not be ashamed of our limp, or of that which we feel is deficient in us; like Jacob may we know and understand that we are who we are through God's grace and the journey we have taken thus far. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love, now and always. **Amen**



Dismissal

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

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