



A Liturgy of the Word Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Processional Hymn

O God our help in ages past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.
- 7 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Author: Isaac Watts (1719)



Opening Prayer

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim God's name;
make known among the nations what God has done.

Sing to God, sing praise;
tell of all God's wonderful acts.

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord for strength;
seek God's face always.

Lord, we come to you this day,
seeking your healing and restoring love.
Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times
as well as in the times of strain and stress.
Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**



**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Let us pray.
**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.**



The Kyrie

**Nkosi sihawukele
Nkosi sihawukele**

**Kriste sihawukele
Kriste sihawukele**

**Nkosi sihawukele
Nkosi sihawukele**



The Penitence

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all creation. Confident of this promise, we come before God and one another to confess our sins, repent and seek God's forgiveness:

**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.**

The 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

God of awesome wonder:
Bless us with bold belief
Even in the darkness of the night
And the assault of life's storms,
That we may be messengers
Of your peace and justice;
In the name of the One whom winds and waves obey,
And who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen



The Word of God

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22

Romans 10: 5-15

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord your words are Spirit and Life

Alleluia, Alleluia

You have the words of everlasting life

Alleluia! Alleluia

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

read by Ros Duvenage

The Sermon

Courage to Act

by Rev. Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**





Prayers of Intercession

Prayers on the video are led by Choir Members

Tseli Manana

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Judy Madavo



Additional Prayers of Intercession

An adaption of the Franciscan prayer, by Deborah Hirt

Lord, make me an instrument of peace:

Bless all women who daily strive to bring peace to their communities, their homes and their hearts. Give them strength to continue to turn swords into ploughshares.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love:

We pray for all women who face prejudice, inequality and gender disparities. Help us to see and to face the discrimination against women in all the many forms it may take.

Where there is injury, pardon:

Comfort all women, men and children who suffer from the pain of war, violence, and abuse. Help them to become instruments of their own reconciliation and peace.

Where there is division, unity:

Forgive all women and men who let differences breed hate and discrimination. Let your example of valuing all of creation help us to see that we are equal partners in the stewardship of your world.

Where there is darkness, light; where there is untruth, truth:

Comfort all women who struggle in the darkness of abuse, poverty, and loneliness. May we stand with them in light to acknowledge their suffering and strive to remove the burdens of shame or embarrassment.

Where there is doubt, true faith:

We pray for all women who live in fear of their husbands, fathers, and forces that control their lives. Help them to be empowered and restore their true selves through your everlasting love and faith.

Where there is despair, hope:

We pray for all women who live in the despair of poverty, violence, trafficking, slavery, and abuse. May the light of your love bring them hope.

Where there is sadness, new joy:

Help us to see the strength and goodness in all women and men. Transform our hearts to celebrate the love and grace of all people. And may we be blessed with the courage to follow our own path of love for you and for all our sisters and brothers. **Amen**

(posted on [Godspace](#) by Christine Sine, originally sourced from [Intern at Franciscans International](#)).



Blessing of Offering

Faithful God, bless the gifts we bring to you today. Use them and us to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world so that your goodness will grow among your people, and your name be honoured for Christ's sake.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.



Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honour all people.
Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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



Recessional Hymn

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Author: James Edmeston (1821)



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