



# A Liturgy of the Word Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Processional Hymn

### And Can It Be That I Should Gain

- 1 And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*
  
- 2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*
  
- 3 He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*



## Opening Prayer

Welcome to St Michael's online worship on this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. This week, during this month of compassion, we remember especially refugees and immigrants.

We are gathered for worship today in the name of God  
**who takes care of every creature as a father and as a mother;**

Who in Jesus Christ is on the side of the weak  
**and those who are treated without justice;**

Who by the Holy Spirit fills us with compassion for all who suffer  
**and gives us power to resist all that threatens life.**

Our help comes from the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**  
**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*

**Morena, re utlwele bohloko  
Morena, re utlwele bohloko**

**Kriste o re utlwele bohloko  
Kriste o re utlwele bohloko**

**Morena, re utlwele bohloko  
Morena, re utlwele bohloko**



*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe & Fr Allie Josseph*

### *The Penitence*

Let us ask pardon from the Lord for the times when we failed to love our neighbour as ourselves.

**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.**



## *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 the foreigner and the outcast  
No one is excluded from your embrace  
Inspire us so to love the world  
That all will live in the dignity and security  
Of belonging to God's family;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever  
Amen.**



## *The Word of God*

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 - read by Bybit Mujaji in the video  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

## *The Gospel Reading*

Matthew 15: 21-28

### **Pie Jesu - Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe**

Pie Jesu, pie Jesu,  
Pie Jesu, pie Jesu  
Qui tollis peccata mundi  
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem

Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, Pie Jesu, pie Jesu  
Qui tollis peccata mundi  
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei,  
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei  
Qui tollis peccata mundi  
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem



Dona eis requiem  
Sempiternam

Dona eis requiem  
Sempiternam  
Requiem

### *The Sermon*

Embracing the outsider  
by Ven. Moses 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*

Loving God, who is full of kindness and love, hear our prayers for the world, for one another, and for ourselves:

**“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”**

Loving God, no one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care. Watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. We pray together for all people displaced by war and for all who are fleeing danger, hunger, and poverty, in the hope of a better, more secure life.  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”**

We pray for all those who are crossing borders in search of hope and a new beginning. Bring them safely to the place they long to be. Help us to always show your kindness and compassion, recognising our brother and sister in the stranger's eyes.  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.



**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**

We pray for those who are risking their lives on the high seas in overcrowded boats, those crossing deserts and treacherous terrain, following the hope and dream of a life they were forced to leave. We pray for those who died during these dangerous and desperate acts. We join in the cry of those who have died seeking justice and a better world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."**

Lord, we bring before you the leaders of this world especially those who make decisions about the destiny, wellbeing, and dignity of others. Remind them of the dignity of the human person. Make them see and act on behalf of those who are most in need. Let there be a new understanding that we are all connected. Keep their consciences alert so they may be a genuine love for humanity and a vision of peace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."**

O God, whose love is never-ending,  
hear our prayers in the name of those  
who cry out for justice and freedom.

In your mercy bring an end to the suffering of refugees.

In your wisdom call your Church to compassion and empathy  
for those who have settled in a foreign land.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Loving God, lead us into the coming week,

Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us,

Spirit of God, enable your Church to be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. In the name of Christ.

**Amen**

*Blessing of Offering*

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty:

For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

**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*

We give you thanks and praise, Lord Jesus Christ.  
You crossed every border between Divinity and humanity  
to make your home with us.  
Help us to welcome you in newcomers, migrants and refugees.  
Blessed are You, God of all nations.  
You bless our land richly with goods of creation  
and with people made in your image.  
Help us to be good stewards and peacemakers, who live as your children.  
Blessed are You, Holy Spirit.  
You work in the hearts of all to bring about harmony and goodwill.  
Strengthen us to welcome those  
from other lands, cultures, religions,  
that we may live in human solidarity and in hope.  
God of all people, grant us vision to see your presence in our midst,  
especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers.  
Give us courage to open the door to our  
neighbours and grace to build a society of justice. **Amen.**

*(Source: Pax Christi)*

## *The Final Blessing*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is what the Lord says:  
Be just and fair to all.  
Do what is right and good,  
for I am coming soon to redeem you,  
and to reveal My righteousness to all.  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be with 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

### Love divine, all loves excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
  
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.
  
- 3 Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
  
- 4 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.



*Author: Charles Wesley (1747)*





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