



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.

During this Second Sunday of the month of Compassion, we focus our attention on gender based violence in this act of worship, bearing in mind that we celebrate women's day in our country.

Processional Hymn

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Author: Timothy Rees (1922)

Call to Worship

God of compassion, you feel our pain and cry with us in our Passion.
God of justice, you rage with us against the injustice of our experience. Be with us today.

We gather today in sadness to remember all victims of violence,
Especially those women and children who have been victims of violence in their own homes.

We come together because there is so much violence experienced by the vulnerable ones in our world;
Countless women, children and men.



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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

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

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| C: Udum' alube | A: KuNkulunkulu |
| C: Udum' alube | A: Kweziphezulu |
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| C: Kube nokuthula | A: Emhlabeni |
| C: Kube nokuthula | A: Ebantwini bonke |
| C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu | A: Nkosi yasezulwini |
| C: Nkulunkulu Baba | A: Baba Somandla |
| C: Siyakubabaza | A: Siyakwazisa |
| C: Siyakuguqela | A: Siyakudumisa |
| C: Siyakubonga | A: Ngenxa yobukhosi |
| C: Yobukhosi | A: Bakh' obukhulu |
| C: Nkosi Jesu Kristu | A: Ndodan' ezelwe yodwa |
| C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu | A: Mvana kaNkulunkulu |
| C: Ndodan' kaNkulunkulu | A: kaNkulunkul' uYise |
| C: Wena osusa | A: Izono zomhlaba |
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| C: Amen, A-a-a | A: A-a-a-a-amen |
| C: Amen, A-a-a | A: A-a-a-a-a-amen |
| C: Amen, A-a-a | A: A-a-a-a-amen |
| C: Amen, A-a-a | A: A-a-a-a-a-amen |

Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

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



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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

O God, we come before Your throne
And in our weakness we confess
We go astray and sin each day
We cast ourselves upon Your grace
O Lord, have mercy on us
Sinners in need of grace
Forgive us our transgressions
And lead us in Your righteous ways
God, lead us in Your righteous ways

The blood You shed has paid our debts
Jesus, You've washed our sins away
We trust Your grace, believe by faith
In You we have all righteousness
O Lord, You've shown us mercy
Sinners are washed as saints
You've shown Your loving-kindness
Sons of disgrace are righteous made
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We fix our eyes on You, our prize
Jesus, the Author of our faith
Till You return or bring us home
You strengthen us to run the race
O Lord, forever faithful
All glory to Your Name!
We have no other Saviour
Our great Redeemer, God and King
Jesus, Redeemer, God and King

Music by Marc Willerton,

The Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess together:

Loving God, we have sinned against you;
in what we have thought, said and done.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and turn away from what is wrong.
Forgive us for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance
and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the living bread
Nourish us with your life
That we will understand your truth
And recognise your presence among us;
For you live and reign with the Father
And the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Word of God

1 Kings 19: 4-8
Psalm 34: 1-8
Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord you are the Spirit and Life
Alleluia, Alleluia
You have the Words of lasting life
Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

The Sermon

by Rev Alison Thabethe



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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

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.

Lord, make me an instrument of peace.

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 hatred, let me sow love.

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 injury, pardon.

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 division, unity.

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 darkness, light; where there is untruth, truth.

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 doubt, true faith:

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 despair, hope.

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.

Where there is sadness, new joy. Amen

An adaptation of the Franciscan prayer by Deborah Hirt



Prayer over the Offering

Faithful God, bless the gifts we bring to you today. Use them and use 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.**

Lord's Prayer

Song: The Lord's Prayer

Performed by: Crystal Cathedral Choir

Litany of Penitence

As we conclude this service, we acknowledge our faults in the Litany of Penitence

We have denied the authority of women
and limited their gifts;
We have locked away women's power,
And chose to hide their pain.
But nothing is veiled that will not be revealed;
And nothing is hidden that will not be made known.

We have undermined the authority of women and limited our gifts;
We have locked away women's power,
and chose to hide their pain.
But nothing is veiled that will not be revealed;
And nothing is hidden that will not be made known.

We have feared those who are not like us;
We have refused to know our weakness.
We have locked away part of ourselves.
But nothing is veiled that will not be revealed;
And nothing is hidden that will not be made known.

We have feared those who are like us;
We have refused to know our strength.
We have locked away part of ourselves.
But nothing is veiled that will not be revealed;
And nothing is hidden that will not be made known.

We have resisted the wisdom of God and refused to seek her face;
We have turned aside from her image and hidden our knowledge of her.
But have no fear;
For nothing is veiled that will not be revealed;
And nothing is hidden that will not be made known.

By Janet Morely,

Final Blessing

May the God of Eve teach you to dance.
May the God of Hagar bring you comfort in the desert.
May the God of Miriam bring companions to you when you struggle.
May the God of Deborah teach you courage for your battles.
May the Christ who knew Mary and Martha show you the way of balance.
May the Christ who healed the bent-over woman heal your pain.



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May the Christ of Mary Magdala send you out to proclaim your story.
And may 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 forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.

*He said 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
in earth and heav'n in jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

*He said 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.*

God gives us life in Jesus' name
he lives in us in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.

*He said 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.*

Author: Carol Owens (1972)

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