



# A Liturgy of the Word 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Our focus on this third Sunday of the month of Compassion, is on poverty and unemployment.  
We meet in spirit as the community of God's faithful.

## Processional Hymn

**1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong Defender,  
liftest up Thy people's head.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living Bread!**

**2 Here our humblest homage pa we;  
Here in loving reverence bow ;  
Here for faith's discernment pray we  
lest we fail to know thee now  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Thou are here, we ask not how**

**3 Though the lowliest from doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
we in worship join with them**

**4 Paschal Lamb! Thine offering finished  
once for all when Thou wast slain  
in its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Cleansing souls from every stain**

**5 Life-imparting heav'nly Manna,  
stricken Rock, with streaming side,  
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna  
worship Thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

*Author: George Hugh Bourne (1874)*

## Call to Worship

We meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father.  
**We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility  
this places upon us - to love one another as you have loved us.**

We meet as your light in this dark world.  
**We pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn  
into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord.**

O God, the source of human dignity,  
in your image every person is fashioned  
and by your Son all people are redeemed.  
Make us honour the work of your hands,  
that we may reverence you in those whom the world considers least





and serve you in all whom society neglects, especially the poor among us and those who are unemployed.  
Through 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*

*Author: James Allen*

**Glory to God on high,  
Let praises fill the sky!  
Praise ye His Name.  
Angels His Name adore,  
Who all our sorrows bore,  
And saints cry evermore,  
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

**All they around the throne  
Cheerfully join in one,  
Praising His Name.  
We who have felt His blood,  
Sealing our peace with God,  
Spread His dear Name abroad—  
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

**To Him our hearts we raise—  
None else shall have our praise;  
Praise ye His Name.  
Him our exalted Lord,  
By us below adored,  
We praise with one accord—  
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

**Join all the human race,  
Our Lord and God to bless;  
Praise ye His Name!  
In Him we will rejoice,  
Making a cheerful noise,  
And say with heart and voice,  
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

### *Collect for Purity*

*Let us pray.*

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



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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*

**Kyrie eleison – Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison – Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison – Kyrie eleison**

*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.**

*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*

**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 2:10–12; 3:3–14

**Psalm 34:1-8**

*(Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe)*

- 1 I will bless the Lord continually:  
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
- 2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:  
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
- 3 praise the Lord with me:  
let us exalt his name together.



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- 4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:  
and he freed me from all my fears.
  - 5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:  
your faces shall not be ashamed.
  - 6 Here is a wretch who cried and the Lord heard him:  
and saved him from all his troubles.
  - 7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:  
and delivers them in their need.
  - 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good:  
happy the man who hides in him
- Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever Amen.

**Ephesians 5:15–20**

*Gospel Acclamation*

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

Speak O Lord your servant is listening  
You have the words of everlasting life

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

*Gospel Reading*

John 6:51–58

*The Sermon*

by Ven Moses Thabethe

*Affirmation of Faith*

**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*

Almighty God, it is difficult to see children suffer, especially from hunger. We pray for You to give the hungry daily bread today and end their persistent hunger. Provide the food they need to grow and thrive. Pour out Your grace on hungry families, especially parents straining to feed their children despite dwindling resources.

**Give us our daily bread**

Good Shepherd, we pray for cooperation and support for life-saving assistance to people struggling from food insecurity and hunger around the world. Send lifegiving rains at just the right time, create good conditions for families to grow food for their survival, and cease conflict so Your children will no longer go to bed hungry each night.

**Give us our daily bread**

Great Physician, we don't have words to express how much this breaks our hearts. Have mercy on these children. Protect their little bodies and give them strength. Put Your healing hand on those with developmental issues and allow them to grow up strong and healthy despite the hunger that afflicts them.

**Give us our daily bread**

Heavenly Father, be with little ones as they seek to learn. We pray that when schools reopen safely around the world, children may be enabled to pursue their education and also have access to the nutritious food there. Provide their parents with the means to send them to school well fed so the only hunger they know is an insatiable hunger to learn. Equip them with an education that prepares them to do the great things You have planned for their lives.

**Give us our daily bread**

Loving Provider and God of wisdom, be a fortress against danger for all those agencies and NGO's who work in Your name to feed the hungry. Continue to use relief workers to bring not only much-needed food but to also show Your love so people can be fed spiritually and physically. Guide the leaders of our county that they may make decisions and create policies which will benefit and sustain us, our families, friends, and all society, decisions which are rooted in Christ's own vision of the dignity of work; in justice, and compassion.

**Give us our daily bread**

Thank You Lord for being our Bread of Life — the One who satisfies our soul's deepest desire with the joy of salvation. Open people's eyes to recognize You as the only Bread of Life for their spiritual hunger. We pray that Your love will guide our steps as we continue on the path to eradicating hunger and helping people lift themselves out of poverty.

**Give us our daily bread**

We make these our prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life and Great Physician. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Offering*

Lord God, Loving God, we bring you our gifts with thanksgiving, grateful for all that we share in Christ and in creation. Bless us and our offerings, so that we may live to bring you glory, and share with the world the love you pour out on us day by day. Amen

*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*

O Lord God Almighty, we offer you thanks for the chance to work, for the benefits of working life, for the opportunity to create and add value, to improve the quality of life by meeting the needs of others.

O Lord accept our thanks:

**For these and all good things, we give thanks.**

We are thankful for those occasions of solid achievement, for the ability to produce, for the opportunity to serve others' needs, and to change our methods of work.

O Lord accept our thanks:

**For these and all good things, we give thanks.**

We are grateful for previous generations who laid the foundations of our society, for the facilities that educate and train us for the future, and for all those who care for our present welfare.

O Lord accept our thanks:

**For these and all good things, we give thanks.**

We have relished the chances to deepen our relationships with colleagues at work, to welcome newcomers, to be open to all, and to be present at meetings.

O Lord accept our thanks:

**For these and all good things, we give thanks.**

Let us give thanks for those on whose work we depend for the necessities of life, all those engaged in industry, whether manufacturing goods or providing services, and in commerce.

O Lord accept our thanks:

**For these and all good things, we give thanks.**

God of provision, give you thanks for the dignity of labour and give thanks for men and women of all ages who have worked to improve the quality of human life. We pray that you will give success to the work of our hands in uplifting those who are weighed down by poverty and unemployment.

**For these and all good things, we give thanks.**

## *Final Blessing*

The Lord our God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things and at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Therefore, commit yourselves to the Lord knowing that the God of peace will sustain you. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## *Recessional Hymn*

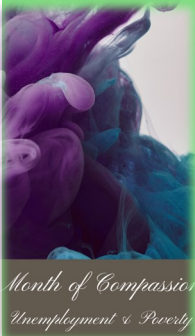
**Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**



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.

by John Hughes (1905).



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