



A Liturgy of the Word Sunday after Pentecost

Date



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

Processional Hymn

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end:
Though there be those who hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against both foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.



Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song!

Author: S. J. Stone (1866) Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Opening Prayer

Make me to know your ways, O Lord.
Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth,
and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.
For you I wait all day long.

With hearts and minds open to be inspired by God we praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

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:
cleans 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 Morena re haele
Morena Morena re haele

Kriste, Kriste re hauhele
Kriste, Kriste re hauhele

Morena Morena re haele
Morena Morena re haele

The Penitence

Let us ask pardon from the Lord.
**Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things,
extends throughout history and touches even our lives.
Your love sees failings and forgives.
Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears.**



Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful.
 Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner.
 Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.
 Forgive us the many times when we take for granted
 all that you have done for us.
 Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you,
 this day and all days
 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 our holy and righteous ancestors:
 Accept us as a living sacrifice
 And transform us by your Spirit,
 That, being members of one body,
 We will offer our gifts in Christ's service;
 Who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit
 one God, now and for ever. Amen**



The Word of God

Isaiah 51: 1-6
 Psalm 138
 Romans 12:1-8

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 16: 13-20

The Sermon

The Church under Construction
by Rev Allie Josseph

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

God of wisdom and inspiration we bring before you our prayers. We pray that our prayers will come into your presence, you who enlighten the hearts and minds of your people and ensure the firm foundation of your Church here on earth.

For the Church: Lord God that you renew the Church in its members and its leaders. Bless and inspire our leaders and keep them committed to the truth as found in your divine word. Bless and protect the leaders of the universal church, we pray especially for bishop Steve and the leadership of our diocese. We pray for our own clergy, the Venerable Moses Rev. Margaret, Rev. Allie, and Rev. Alison. Guide and sustain them. Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those engaged in teaching and studying theology: We bring before you those who are studying and teaching theology. For the staff and students at the College of Transfiguration and all who are preparing themselves to serve you in the ordained ministry. Would you shine the light of your divine wisdom into their lives. We pray for Michael and our very own Reverend Allison in particular. Guide and sustain them throughout. Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**



For the leaders of the world: We acknowledge that all leadership comes from you our God and we pray that you grant wisdom to those who lead governments all over the world. In a world where power corrupts and where we see the devastating effects of inefficient leadership, leaders corrupted and compromised through lack of knowledge and integrity. We pray that you guide our leaders and teach them to have a heart for the people they are elected to lead. Guide and sustain our leaders.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the parish of St Michael's. Lord we bring before you the members and the leadership of our parish. May we always value and cherish the gift of faith that we received by grace. Be with us as a parish as we enter a new phase of life in the new reality of the corona virus. Bless our families and make our homes into dwellings of peace where your Holy Spirit is welcome and celebrated. Dispel the fears and anxieties threatening all around us. Guide and sustain us throughout.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our pastoral ministries. Lord we bring before you all those engaged in pastoral ministry. For parish councilors, church wardens, parish ministers, pastoral care givers, members of sodalities, those working with children and youth, those who do outreach work, those who support our parish activities and all those who spread the light of your love through their Christian witness. May the work you started in them be brought to fruition through the power of the Spirit. Guide and sustain them throughout.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are affected an infected with the corona virus. Lord amidst all the confusion and mixed messages surrounding the virus we bring before you all those who tested positive for Covid 19. For all those in hospital and those in danger of death. May your light shine on them all in the moments of darkness and despair. For their families and care givers. Guide and sustain us throughout.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For prudence and peace during stage two of the lockdown. That we realise the gravity of the present situation our country. Lord we pray that from the smallest to the greatest in our beautiful land may realise what the present situation really mean. That we remain the country with the fifth highest infections in the world. We acknowledge your hand in the very positive rate of recoveries and we thank you for your care and protection. May you sustain us in the days ahead, that we remain cautious, vigilant, and responsible.

We pray Lord may these prayers and those raised in the silence of the hearts of your faithful people be acceptable in your sight. May you guide and sustain us throughout. Be with us in the week ahead and keep us in your care and protection. Through Christ our lord

Amen

Blessing of Offering

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you
and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as 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 for ever.
Amen**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the love of wisdom, you plant in the heart and minds of your children. The precious gift of learning you bestow upon your church. For our rich heritage of theological education, and for inspiring your church with a hunger for knowledge of you and of your word we offer special thanks and praise.

We thank and Praise you Lord

For your Holy Spirit that leads and guides us into the fullness of the truth about you and your love for us. For everyone engaged in education and learning, parents, Sunday school teachers, those involved in theological training and administration, we offer special thanks and praise.

We thank and Praise you Lord

All thanks and praise be to you, almighty God, for equipping us to build and sustain caring communities of learning and instruction enabling us to hear and respond to your call in our lives.

Amen.

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Go out into the world in peace.

Love your God with all your heart.

Be challenged by the Spirit's promptings.

Hear the call to serve Christ

and may the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.



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