



# A Liturgy of the Word Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Processional Hymn

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame!  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, then in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
'Twill guide thee to a better home  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee great Lord, the One in Three  
all praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
the heavenly life that knows no end.

by Edward J. Burns and published in 1968.

## Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Creator God, divine artist, you fashion the universe with skill and beauty.

**We praise You.**





*Let us pray.*

Creator God, you are the artist of all life!

Thank you for your creation.

Thank you for the ways you continue to work in the world, renewing and guiding.

Still our minds and help us settle into this time. .

As we worship you, create in each of us a willingness  
to be moulded by you.

Form us once more into true followers of Jesus, the Christ,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## *The Gloria*

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

## *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*

Kyrie Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison

*The Penitence*

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us ask pardon from the Lord for not always having had the courage to follow him all the way.

**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.**

*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*

**Faithful God,  
you never forsake those who make their boast  
in the cross of Christ:  
grant us the grace not to rely on our own strength  
but to trust in you with all our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*The Word of God*

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18  
Philemon 1:21





## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower.  
Whoever finds his seed will remain forever  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## *Gospel Reading*

Luke 14: 25-33

## *The Sermon*

by Revd Matthew Wright

## *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*

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to follow him in freedom of heart, even on the way of the cross. Let us pray with him for the church, the world and all our sisters and brothers.

In Philemon 1:4-5 it says, "When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. We pray for the Church around the world especially for this diocese. May your Church take delight in you above all else. May the leaders of the church bishops, priest and laity continue to inspire the faithful to bear their crosses each day with patience and faithfulness. We also pray for the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to follow Him as a priest or deacon.

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

We pray for the people and ministries of this congregation. We praise you that our church can serve you with activities for people and opportunities to gather into communities and build friendships. May your presence be seen in all that we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might be a blessing to those around us.

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

Lord, we pray for our government and leaders as you command us to, for the good of all people and for peace. Please bring your wisdom that goes beyond natural or political instincts – so that our leaders govern with a better



sense of justice and love and ask you to make them a blessing to those they serve. Raise up wise and gifted leaders who have integrity and sincerity, who know what needs to be done and how to implement effective change. Help us, your Church, to be a blessing to our nation, to witness faithfully to the Hope we have in Jesus Christ – both in what we say and in our loving actions.

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

Thank you for this beautiful world, Lord. Even in fallenness, it is a miracle of your beauty and creativity. Thank you for the springtime that shows us new life is always possible. In this season of creation, we pray for all those who care for the earth. May we all, in our own humble context, show concern for what God has created for us and work together for a cleaner and safer environment. Help us to implement responsible practices to protect this earth and what it provides for us and to ensure equal distribution of its resources for all people living here. Help us each in our own local communities to value the resources you provide for us, To carefully and responsibly use the water, soil, plants and animals that are gifts from you And share these with those who are in need

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

We pray for our families and friends and those with special claims upon us. We pray especially for the sick and the helpless and we pray especially for friends and family who may feel desperate and alone. We pray for those who are in hospital and those who face the anxiety of tests to determine a feared diagnosis. We pray for all who are housebound and who long for a visitor; for those who just need a friendly ear to find their comfort. May our church respond to the needs of your people in this parish.

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

Holy and loving Father, with gratitude and affection we entrust into your care the souls of your servants who have died and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives for evermore. We pray for our own anniversaries. Those painful reminders when we suffered loss and grief. We pray for all those in pain today and for the pain of anniversaries to come.

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

God of Creation, you have given us the gift of our earth and all within it. In faith we know that our prayer will be answered through the power of the Spirit and in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Loving God, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives praying that they are acceptable to you. May they be evidence of our desire to follow Jesus, and our turning away from all that hinders our discipleship. Bless, O God, us and all that we do that we may be a blessing to you and to our world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

**Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the Kingdom  
And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen**



## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Loving God,  
we give you thanks for the challenge of hard teachings.  
Help us continue to grow in our faith, and in our understanding,  
that we might be ever-growing disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Thank you, too, for this opportunity to worship together.  
Inspire us to look realistically at the needs of the world,  
so we might take daily steps to move more in line with the reality  
of standing out from the crowd and standing up as  
true disciples – followers of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## *Final Blessing*

Before your birth, you were wonderfully and fearfully formed.  
Like clay, may God continue to reform and reshape you  
into your truest self, now and every day after.

And 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*

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name,  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.





Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

by Charles William Everest (1833)

CREDITS

LITURGY

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MUSIC

Take Up Thy Cross, the Saviour Said (pictures from St Michael's garden)  
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Breslau "Take Up Thy Cross, the Saviour Said" (Arr. F. Mendelssohn for Choir & Organ)  
Performed here by the choir of Girton College. William Ings, Samuel Hudson, Martin Ennis  
ALBUM - The Complete New English Hymnal, Vol. 17  
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Gloria

Fr. Manoling Francisco (Vocalismo Choral Group Mass Songs)  
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Kyrie Eleison

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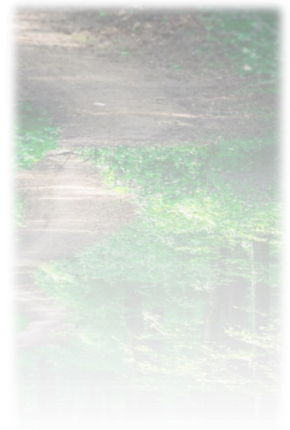
Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal by Michael Curb Congregation  
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We Have a Gospel to Proclaim (pictures from St Michael's garden)

written by Edward J. Burns and published in 1968.  
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