



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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Author: Reginald Heber (1826)



Opening Prayer

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

We will sing praises for all that God has done.

Let your hearts be joyful!

We will seek God's presence continually.

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

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.**

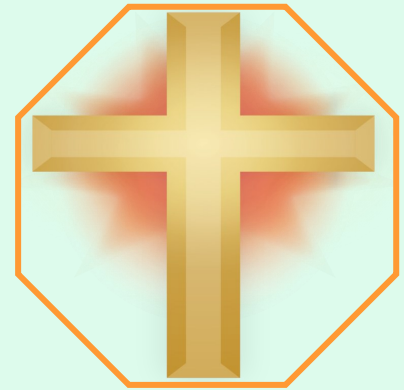


**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

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

Nkosi yiba nenceba

Nkosi yiba nenceba

Kriste yiba nenceba

Kriste yiba nenceba

Nkosi yiba nenceba

Nkosi yiba nenceba

The Penitence

Let us ask pardon from the Lord
for all the times when our shortcomings
kept us from letting the light of Christ shine in our lives.



**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be.
That we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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

**Holy God,
In love you gave your only begotten Son to save the world:
Empower us to follow the example of His obedience
That we will take up the cross and follow Him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.
Amen .**





The Word of God

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45

Romans 12:9-21

Gradual Hymn: Taizè Chant

Confitemini Domino	(Give thanks to the Lord)
Quoniam Bonus!	(For He is good!)
Confitemini Domino,	(Give thanks to the Lord,)
Alleluia!	Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

The Sermon

by Rev Margaret Place

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,





he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

God of wisdom and inspiration as we conclude this month of compassion, we bring before you prayers for vulnerable women and the needs of the world. May our prayers 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, that they may work for justice and peace. We pray especially for the united Church of South India and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala that they may continue to shine your light in the world.

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

For all who exercise authority in religion, society or government. May they use their power to promote justice among the oppressed, to end violence against women, children and the displaced and to advance the good of all. May leaders of nations have the courage to seek what is good for the poor and the forgotten. For an end to systemic racism and for a deeper respect for the dignity of all life. May all countries open their hearts and borders to those who seek safety and refuge.

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

For tertiary students, teachers and school governing bodies, that as they begin a new term in this academic year; they may be kept safe and that they may be able to grow from their sharing in order to make wise decisions and choices to advance education and learning.

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

For the parish of St Michael's. We thank you Lord for the various ministries exercised by this church. We give thanks for all those in pastoral care, especially Sam Hermanus, the coordinator. May we always strive to be instruments of your love and compassion. May our homes be places of love and acceptance, where everyone is accepted and celebrated.

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

We pray for those who suffer from fear during this pandemic. For those struggling with addiction and loneliness. For the sick in our community and beyond, that they may come to experience your peace that passes all understanding and that hope may prevail in this time of uncertainty.

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



We pray for those whose businesses are struggling, who have to figure out how to be inviting and safe at the same time; and those who are uncertain how to engage with friends, family and neighbours and still be wise and careful in this strange time of pandemic. For those whose jobs and responsibilities have changed, and every day presents a new challenge and those who seek work in these uncertain economic times. May each one find courage to face tomorrow knowing that you are always with us in our daily walk.

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

Loving God, Jesus walked the road of suffering with so many in pain and grief. We remember those whose lives have faced crises this time - through death and unexpected loss (especially the family of Gillian Bradford), through critical illness or injury, through pain or problems that seem to have no end. May you surround them with your comfort and compassion.

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

We make these our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 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.

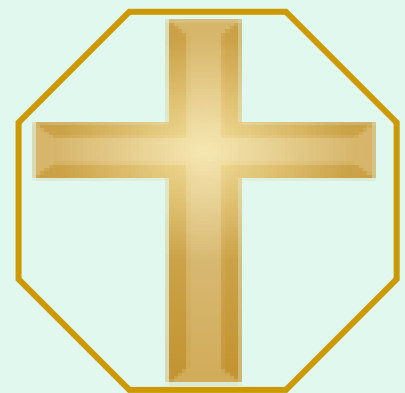
And forgive us our trespasses,

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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Go now and follow Jesus in the way of the cross.
Rejoice in hope,
hold fast to what is good,
persevere in prayer.
Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.
As far as is possible, live peaceably with all.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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

I want to walk with Jesus Christ,
all the days I live of this life on earth;
to give to Him complete control
of body and of soul.

*Follow Him, follow Him, yield your life to Him -
He has conquered death, He is King of kings;
accept the joy which He gives to those
who yield their lives to Him.*

I want to learn to speak to Him,
to pray to Him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let Him in,
for joy will then be mine.

Follow Him, follow Him.....

I want to learn to speak of Him –
my life must show that He lives in me;
my deeds, my thoughts, my words must speak
all of His love for me.

Follow Him, follow Him....

I want to learn to read His word,
for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases Him,
in holiness and joy.

Follow Him, follow Him....

O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
enter now into this heart of mine;
take full control of my selfish will
and make me wholly Thine!

Follow Him, follow Him....



Author: Clive Simmonds (1964)



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