



A Liturgy of the Word Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.



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.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion
**When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

The Gloria

Let us pray:

Here we are Lord; your people, your Church meeting together
in your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You.
Make yourself known to us in new in ways through our worship,
our prayers, and our understanding of your Word today. **Amen.**

The Gloria (said):

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

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

Morena re hauhele, u re hauhele
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele

Kriste re hauhele, u re hauhele
Kriste re hauhele, re hauhele

Morena re hauhele, u re hauhele
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele

The Penitence

*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came to save sinners.*

Let us therefore confess of our sins.

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

**Loving God,
you seek us whenever we wander away from you:
find and embrace us
that we may rejoice in the safety of your loving arms;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

The Sermon

Sermon: by Revd Sharmain James

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

Everlasting God, we come before you with our baggage, our worries, our anxiety and our fears. Some of us are tired, some of us are in pain, some are sad and some are angry; and so, as we place our burdens before you, help us to learn from you and to trust in you, so that in serving you we may find the rest that you have promised.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**





Faithful God, we ask you to make the doors of our parish, St Michael's, Bryanston, wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and the care of our heavenly Father. May they be narrow enough to shut out all that creates discord or division. We pray that what takes place in our worship here week by week will never be a stumbling-block to those who gather here in your name.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for our diocese, for Bishop Steve, for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and for Archbishop Thabo. May you inspire all leaders in the Church, those across various denominations, and even the leaders of other faiths, to work towards establishing justice on earth and witnessing to your goodness, O God.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, raise up we pray, in our turbulent and violent world, leaders who will base their decisions on the law of justice and moral integrity that you have planted in every human heart. We pray for our own country and its leaders, that they would seek to address the problems most adversely affecting the people of our land.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, we pray for all whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by armed conflict and economic upheaval. Give all who face changes in life courage and help them to see opportunities in change and to take on challenges with optimism. We pray for those affected by natural disaster and for those faced with food scarcity. May you inspire world leaders, NGOs and private sectors in their efforts to provide relief.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, may your compassion be sensed and felt by the sick and the lonely, the poor and the oppressed as we support them with our loving prayer and by our assistance whenever we can be close to them. We pray especially for...

(add names of those requesting prayer)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for those who have been released from their mortal bodies in death and that they may be brought rejoicing into the kingdom of heaven, reunited with all their loved ones who have gone before them. We pray for the recently departed... and for those whose year's mind we mark this week...

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Faithful God, be alongside us in the week ahead. Help us to be good tempered and considerate, to be hard-working and diligent in all we do; to never speak hastily and to always act kindly to those we love and especially to those we find it difficult to like.

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

God of grace and providence, you shower us with every good gift and for this we thank you. The birds of the air neither sow nor reap and yet you feed them. Indeed, you care for all your creatures. We now give back to you a small measure of what you have blessed us with. We ask you to set this apart for the work of your kingdom and the spreading of your Good News. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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

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 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. The Kingdom
The power and the glory are yours.



Final Blessing

This we know: the earth does not belong to us.
The earth is the Lord's and so are all its people

This we know: we did not weave the web of life.
The earth is the Lord's and so is all that breathes on it.

This we know: we are called to till and work the earth.
The earth is the Lord's and so are all who work the land.

This we know: that we are called to take care of creation.
The earth is the Lord's, yet we have polluted and abused it.

This we know; that whatever befalls the earth.
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth

This we know: that the earth is the Lord's
And so, we will serve Him in it.

May the God who fashioned humankind from the earth sustain and nourish you; may the God who delivered a people from slavery and oppression grant you peace and justice; and may the God who overcame death through the death of his Son, grant you life eternal; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**



Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleans me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through realms unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Giving

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