



A Liturgy of the Word Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Processional 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.

Author: William Williams, (1717-1791),

Translated by Peter Williams, (1723-1796)



Opening Prayer

Sing to the Lord a new song.

We will worship God, our Maker!

Let us praise God with song and dance,

For God is gracious and loving!

Let us bring God glory and honour,

For God deserves our praise.

Come let us worship

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:**



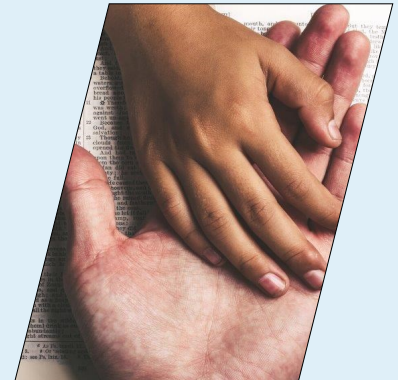
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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 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

(By Ven Moses Thabethe and Fr Allie Joseph)



The Penitence

Let us ask pardon from the Lord for all our shortcomings.

**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

**God of the Church
Your Son called us to be one in you:
Heal our divisions, restore our unity
And empower us for the ministry of reconciliation;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**



The Word of God

Exodus 12:1–14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8–14

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15–20

The Sermon

“When two or more are gathered in my name”

by Rev Alison 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,
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, we bring before you our prayers and petitions and for the needs of the world.

We pray for the church in this place and around the world, facing so many new challenges to respond to so many enduring needs. We pray in particular for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of Southern Africa. Make your church a place of welcome and make us strong in faith and enable us to nurture new ministries.

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

We pray for this our beautiful planet, the fragile home we share with all living things. Enlighten with your Spirit those who govern and make decisions in our cities, towns, rural communities and among the nations of the world, that they may find the wisdom and courage to advance justice in the decisions they make.

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

For those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers facing new situations during this quarter of the year, and for all students who return to school in very different circumstances that make learning and teaching daunting. Loving God, be present to them in their joys

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

We pray for the homeless and the hungry, for the unemployed and the anxious, and for all who have become more vulnerable as a result of the pandemic. God of provision, make us instruments of your love and compassion.

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

Loving God, bring healing and justice wherever harm is caused. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labour; deliver all who are bound by debt. Help us feed the hungry and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war.

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

Eternal God, we thank you for those who have gone ahead of us and showed us some measure of your eternal love. Keep us always in communion with you, and with your people from every time and place. Comfort those who mourn and hold them close to your heart.

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 out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.
Lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.



Live honourably,
fulfilling the law through love for 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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heat of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!



Author: John Greenleaf Whittier (1872)



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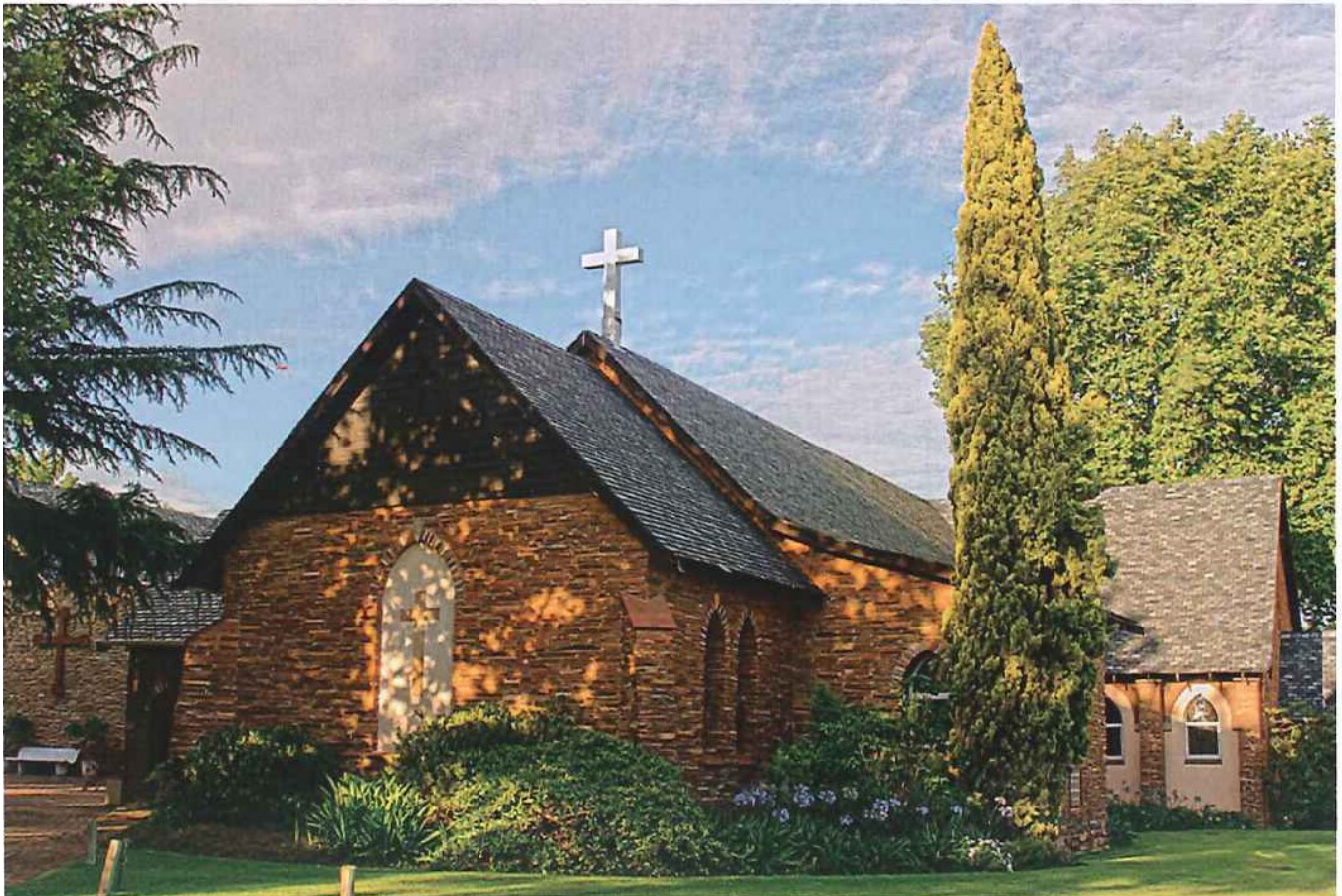
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