



A Liturgy of the Word Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Come ye who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for ay we adore him.



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.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us

together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose

in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, peace on earth
peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King.
O God, almighty Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, peace on earth
peace to people of good will

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

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, peace on earth
peace to people of good will.

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

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, peace on earth
peace to people of good will. 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 utwele bohloko
Kriste o re utwele bohloko
Morena re utwele bohloko

The Penitence

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in
penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and
peace with our neighbour.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 all life you entrust the world into our care:
Alert us to the perils of our time
So that we will act with urgency
To serve only the purposes of your reign;
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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord your words are spirit and life

Alleluia, Alleluia

You have the words of lasting light

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

The Sermon

Rev'd Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess our faith as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

As Apostle Paul urges us, let us offer to God our petitions, and intercessions for the Church, the world, and one another.

Dear Father, thank you for your holy Word, even when it makes us squirm. Thank you for lifting us up when we fall away from your commands. Thank you for restoring us, when we have repented, to positions of trust and to the task of proclaiming the Gospel.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless your Church throughout the world. Fill it with faithful teachers and preachers of your Word. Kindle its worship to be a living flame of praise to you. Make it wise as serpents and innocent as doves as it bears witness to Jesus. Give Your Church grace to lavish the treasures of your Kingdom on all who need them.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord, we may smile or shudder to hear the parable of the dishonest servant – especially at a time of year when stewardship is often lifted up. Bless this congregation in its stewardship of time, talents and treasure. Thank you for those in our parish who lead worship, provide music, lead intercessions, hospitality and flowers; those who engage in the ministry of young people, those who assist and serve and for all who attend our worship, our fellowship groups and fund raising event. Help us to be honest, eager, and inspired as we use whatever has been entrusted to us, for the sake of your Kingdom, and for the benefit of our neighbour.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant integrity and common sense to office holders on every level of government, who manage the resources of our country. May they reject all dishonesty and greed and be faithful stewards of all that has been entrusted to them, for they must give an account of their stewardship to you, their Master and King.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, we pray for your world, particularly those countries that are torn apart by conflict, illness and hunger. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face the ongoing problems caused by the war in that country. We also pray for the world community to rush to the aid of Pakistan, overwhelmed by massive flooding, and to other lands touched by nature's anger and the destructive effects of climate change. Bless volunteers and workers throughout the world, who seek to serve you and neighbour. Multiply their gifts and talents, so that through their labours, many people receive comfort, and a clear sign of your care.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Caring God, You raise the poor from the dust and care for all who cry out to you. Therefore, with confidence and hope, we remember before you all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Restore them to fellowship with all who love them and give them the knowledge that you share their sufferings with them.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all who have lost loved ones either recently or at this time of year and ask you to provide your peace and comfort during their time of grief.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.



Almighty God as we move into another week, help us to follow the example set by your son Jesus, and we ask you to walk with us on our journey of faith as we seek to do your will. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Risen Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

God of beauty and bounty: we offer these gifts as tokens of our dedication and gratitude to you, God and Father of all. Where they are able, may they enrich the lives of those in need and may they empower the work of ministry for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for this sacred time and space. Although we are apart, we are grateful for the opportunity to be joined with our brothers and sisters in worship. Above all, we give thanks for the opportunity to spend time in your presence. As we draw the week to a close and begin a new one, may your abiding peace remain in us throughout the coming week, and may we be guided by your will and your wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

Our worship continues even as we leave this moment. We have gathered in joy to sing and pray and hear God's word. We have come as friends, called friends by the Christ we follow. And now we are sent out into the world, to make friends. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**





Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower,
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Giving

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