



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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Author: James Edmeston (1821)

Opening Prayer

Dear brothers and sisters,
we come together to worship our God.
The fountain of living water.



As we worship God in spirit and in truth,
let our hearts overflow with praise.

**Let us be refreshed and restored by Jesus Christ
who promises us new life through his boundless generosity.**

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:
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

**Lord have mercy on us all
Lord have mercy on us all
Lord have mercy on us all
Lord have mercy on us all**

**Christ have mercy on us all
Christ have mercy on us all
Christ have mercy on us all
Christ have mercy on us all**

**Lord have mercy on us all
Lord have mercy on us all
Lord have mercy on us all
Lord have mercy on us all**



The Penitence

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

**Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
We confess to you,
with all that we are, all we have been and all you are calling us into:
our neglect and forgetfulness of your generous love,
our wrongdoing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts we have done to others,**



and the good we have left undone.
**O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you;
and raise us to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

**Forgiving God,
Your mercy endures for ever:
Make us know the extend to which we
are forgiven,
that by your grace we will become a
forgiving people;
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 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord your words are spirit and life
Alleluia , Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
You have the words of lasting life
Alleluia , Alleluia



The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18: 21-35

The Sermon

Becoming a forgiving people
by Ven Moses 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 generosity and love, we bring before you our prayers. We pray that the prayers of our hearts may rise into your presence like an acceptable offering offered with humble and grateful hearts.

We pray for the church during this season of creation, acknowledging our shortcomings and the many challenges we face as your people here on earth. We pray for wisdom and inspiration especially for church leaders all over the world. Throughout the history of time you raised up leaders, filled with your spirit to guide your church through difficult times. We pray that you strengthen and bless our leaders and give them your vision to lead us through this time of trial.

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



We pray for a renewed spirit of humility and generosity, that people all over the world be filled with goodwill that will remind us once again that we are one and that we need to share the gifts we have been blessed with and use creation with great care in order for all to prosper. share the resources. We pray for the leaders of the world, that corruption and greed will be routed out and that they have hearts of charity towards the poor and those most vulnerable in this world.

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

We continue our prayer for the teachers, healers, and caregivers as they move into the new quarter, with all the pressures and challenges they face every day. Give unto them the spirit of wisdom and patience, temperance and forbearance and make them aware of your special protection over them. Renew in them the spirit of joy and make them rejoice in you always.

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

We pray together as churches are planning to open to welcome worshippers back to church sometime in the coming weeks. We pray for the planning committees, those who will be involved in all the logistical support, the members who will facilitate all the protocols and safety measures, the liturgical ministers, and other pastoral workers. May your hand of protection be with us throughout this time Lord and may our efforts win favour in your sight.

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

We bring before you those who are victims of violence and injustice, in whatever form. We have been shocked by instances of inhumanity perpetrated by people who are charged with protecting society, we pray for governments and institutions charged with protecting us, that you make them aware of the sacred trust they have been entrusted with. Give us grace we pray that we will not lose hope but that we renewed in your Holy Spirit.

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

For those who have died, Lord we pray that they experience everlasting light and life in your kingdom. Equally lord for those who are mourning the dead, give us a full measure of your compassion and love and see us through this new challenge of sharing life with those still in this world and those who are with you in heaven. Renew our spirit lord and give us generous hearts.

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.**

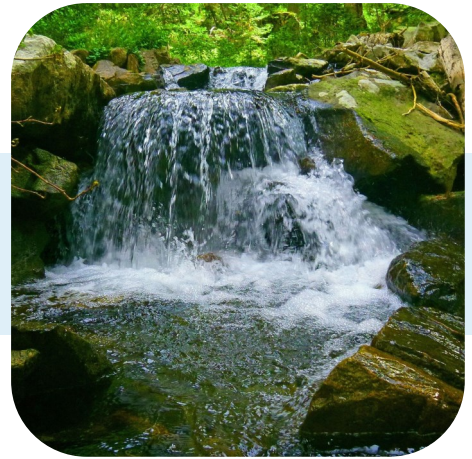
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, we praise and thank You for all that You are.
We are grateful for the kind of Father You are to us
loving, forgiving, and gracious.
We thank and praise you Lord.

Because of you we are living in love, joy, and abundance
In every area of our lives we are filled with your choicest blessings.
Blessings that only come from you, blessings of peace, mercy, and grace.
We thank and praise you Lord.

We could never really merit all the grace you generously accomplish in our lives.
We offer this prayer, thanking you for your grace.
We thank You for Your grace, that amazing grace that sustains us.
We thank and praise you Lord.

Grant us the grace so we may bless others as you have blessed us.
That we may show more of our gratitude to You
through acts of love to our brothers and sisters.
Thank You for your extravagant love and sublime generosity.
In Jesus' Name,
Amen.





The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

And now may the God of all good gifts,
who has released in us the spirit of love
and generous living send us on our way
to love and serve to the Lord in glory;
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

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!*

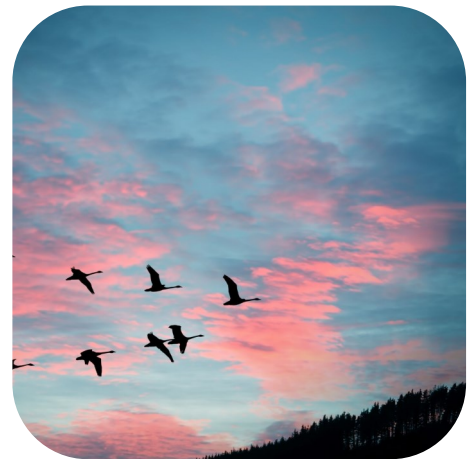
*O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,





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