



A Liturgy of the Word : Second Sunday after Epiphany
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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

Author: John Keble



Call to Worship

**Praise God who is faithful to fulfill God's promise
Praise God whose dwelling is among people**

**The Lord, our God Almighty, reigns
Let us rejoice and exult and give God glory**

**See, I have prepared my dinner, says the Lord
Blessed are all invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb**

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

Udum' alube	KuNkulunkulu
Udum' alube	Kweziphezulu
Udum' alube	KuNkulunkulu
Udum' alube	Kweziphezulu
Kube nokuthula	Emhlabeni
Kube nokuthula	Ebantwini bonke
Nkosi Nkulunkulu	Nkosi yasezulwini
Nkulunkulu Baba	Baba Somandla
Siyakubabaza	Siyakwazisa
Siyakuguqela	Siyakudumisa
Siyakubonga	Ngenxa yobukhosi
Yobukhosi	Bakh' obukhulu
Nkosi Jesu Kristu	Ndodan' ezelwe yodwa
Nkosi Nkulunkulu	Mvana kaNkulunkulu
Ndodan' kaNkulunkulu	kaNkulunkul' uYise
Wena osusa	Izono zomhlaba
Sihawukele	Sihawukele
Sihawukele	Sihawukele
Sihawukele	Sihawukele
Sihawukele	Sihawukele
Amen, A-a-a	A-a-a-a-amen
Amen, A-a-a	A-a-a-a-a-amen
Amen, A-a-a	A-a-a-a-amen
Amen, A-a-a	A-a-a-a-a-amen



Collect for Purity

**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. Amen**

The Kyrie

Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubles, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness,
all my people weep with me.
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Walk among them, I'll go with you
Reach out to them with my hands



suffer with me, and together
we will serve them, help them stand
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Forgive us, Father; hear our prayer
we would walk with you anywhere.
Through your suffering with forgiveness
take your life into the world.
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

The Penitence

*Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer.
Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you.
For the one who walks in the darkness does not know where they are going."
Let us confess together:*

**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.**

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 grace and glory,
your Son revealed your power in many signs:
transform our everyday lives
and make us worthy of our calling
to serve the world in your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**





The Word of God

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia
Open our hearts O Lord
to listen to the words of your Son
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

The Sermon

by Revd Margaret Place

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

For the Church

In this season of Epiphany, we continue to give thanks for the Incarnate Word, and for God's message of salvation for the world. We pray that God would empower the Church to be its bold and faithful witness that, at Christ's coming, the Church would be adorned as a wedding bride for the last banquet. We pray for Church leaders,



especially our Archbishop Thabo, and Bishop Steve, that God's wisdom, guidance and vision may be bestowed upon them.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For our world and its leaders

We pray for the cessation of all wars and armed conflicts and the realisation of God's peace and justice throughout the world. As we pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth, we also pray for our own country: for the restoration of just rule; for the raising up of servants of the people; and for greater economic opportunity and upliftment for the people of our land.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For families and friends

In an age when many families appear broken and divided, we pray for the unity of the families in our parish and in our communities. We realise there are many social ills which lead to the break-down of family units. We pray, Lord, for the strength and vision to overcome these, that your love would be expressed within the families of our communities.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For those in need

Gracious Father, we bring before you all those who are less fortunate than ourselves or who might be facing trial and adversity of any kind. The livelihoods of many have been adversely affected by COVID and many are suffering from the psychological effects of the pandemic. Give us the strength to see this time of testing through, and the grace to continue to place our faith and trust in you.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For children and young people

The influence and impact of social media, pervasive technology and a dissolution of family structure, means that many of our young people are faced with unique pressures which they are not always able to cope with. We ask that you would place around them the right support structures and role models which will help guide them on their journey.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For the bereaved

For many members of our parish, they would have just experienced the first Christmas without a loved one. As they face the prospect of beginning a new year in the absence of their loved one, we pray that you would help them find healing and a measure of closure in the face of their loss. And may the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

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

Prayer for Offering

Merciful Father, we thank you once more for your provision in our lives. We recognise how fortunate we are in relation to so many people around us. Out of the relative abundance with which you have blessed us, we thank you that we can give back to you a small measure of our appreciation and gratitude. We pray therefore that you would bless these offerings, that they may bring life to those less fortunate and so extend the work of your Kingdom. For the sake of him who died, is risen, and is now seated at your right hand, Christ our Lord. **Amen**



The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, Jesus Christ, when you turned the water into wine at Cana, you revealed the richness and frivolity of God. In our lives and in our worship of you, may we not take ourselves too seriously, and rejoice in all that which you have bestowed upon us and that which you have blessed us with. For the sake of him who died, is risen and is now at God's right hand, Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final Blessing

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us,
and the love of God, which enables us to love all,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body,
make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again.
And the blessing of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, be upon you, this day and always.

Amen

Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

**1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Author: Martin Rinkart (transl. Catherine Winkworth)

