



A Liturgy of the Word 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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[The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.](#)

Processional Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall,
 Let angels prostrate fall.
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown him, crown him,
 Crown him, crown him,
 And crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
 On this terrestrial ball,
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown him, crown him,
 Crown him, crown him,
 And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at his feet may fall,
 We at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown him, crown him,
 Crown him, crown him,
 And crown him Lord of all.



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.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes; he does not keep silence

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth below.
"Gather to me my faithful ones, those who made a covenant with me."

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

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father!
Call to Worship
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, 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

'Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve
See the violence, feel the hardness;
All my people, weep with me.
*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison,*



Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe



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 suff'ring, with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison,*

The Penitence

*Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and return
to the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**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

**Holy God,
from whom all good things come:
unchain us from our desire for wealth
so that we may release others
from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



The Word of God

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6: 6-19

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 16:19-31

The Sermon

by Revd Alison Thabethe

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

Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift to you the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need, within the Church and the world.

Gracious Father, we pray for your Church, the bride of your Son. In its many failings, may it find grace and integrity; thereby may it become what you have willed it to be - the bearer of the banner of your salvation. We pray for our own Anglican Church of Southern Africa, for Archbishop Thabo, and we pray for our diocese and our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Steve. May you inspire and empower all who have a heart for your Church.





Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, your word tells us that there is great good in godliness combined with contentment; that as we brought nothing into this world, so we can take nothing out. Help us, dear Lord, to be content with what we have; to seek heavenly treasures rather than those things of this world which rust corrodes and moths consume. Grant that we might be people who share the wealth that you have provided; that we might be ones who share both the bread and wine of the earth and the bread and wine of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father, we especially pray today for those who like Lazarus are ignored or neglected and left to suffer in our world; those who live in poverty within our own suburbs; those without access to amenities; those at the mercy of our justice system; and those whose rights are unprotected. O God, bind your people together and make us witnesses to your compassion and your grace as we seek to tend to the needs of our neighbours.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Hear us Lord, as we make petitions for those who govern and are in authority, grant them responsibility and uprightness of heart; may all who exercise agency within our society, do so for the betterment of the whole of our country and in the service of our fellow countrymen and women.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We lift before you, heavenly Father, all are sick and are in need of healing at this time. May the presence of your Holy Spirit be to them a soothing and healing balm. We especially hold before you today (bidding prayers).

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, may we be inspired by that greater vision, in which we will behold the face of your Son. Hear our prayers for our loved ones who have gone before us and whom, we pray, will enjoy your countenance. May you look graciously on them and may we be united with them in heart and mind. We pray especially for... (those whose year's mind occurs)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

Heavenly Father, thank you that you satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.
Now and forever. Amen**



Final Blessing

Fight the good fight of the faith
Let us take hold of the eternal life to which we are called.

The One who calls us is faithful
He is faithful, and he will not fail.

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom heaven could not contain, who lives to disturb
and heal us, empower you to go forth and proclaim the gospel.
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

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still 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 and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Author: Edward Perronet (1780)

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