



A Liturgy of the Word Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
liftest up Thy people's head.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Jesus, true and living Bread!

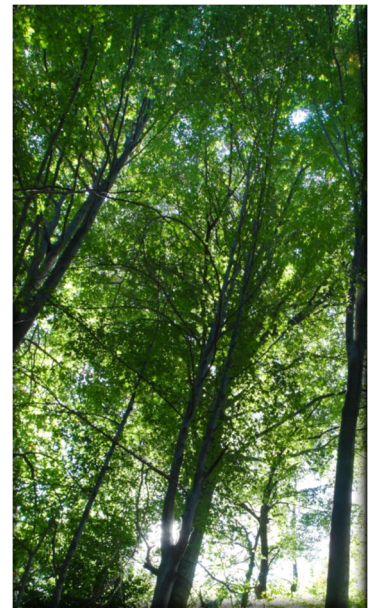
Prince of Life, for us Thou livest,
by Thy body souls are healed;
Prince of Peace, Thy peace Thou givest,
by Thy blood is pardon sealed.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Word of God in flesh revealed.

Paschal Lamb! Thine off'ring finished
once for all when Thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

Great High Priest of our profession,
through the oil Thou ent'redst in;
by Thy mighty intercession
grace and mercy Thou dost win.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Only sacrifice for sin.

5 Life-imparting heav'nly Manna,
stricken Rock, with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship Thee, the Lamb who died.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

Author: George Hugh Bourne (1874)



Call to Worship

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you:
My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you

As in a dry and weary land where there is no water:
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory



Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you:
So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands

Creative God,
you called us into your kingdom,
and adopted us as your children.
Redeeming Saviour,
you showed us how to be servants,
denying ourselves to serve others.
Sustaining Spirit,
you give us strength to take up our cross
in the service of the kingdom of God.
Teach us to serve others,
and in doing so, to serve you. **Amen.**

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

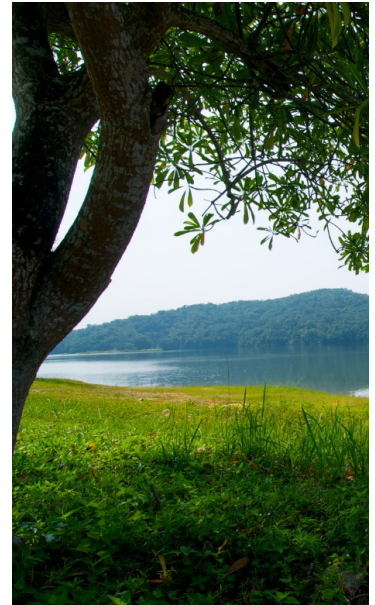
Glory to God on high,
Let praises fill the sky!
Praise ye His Name.
Angels His Name adore,
Who all our sorrows bore,
And saints cry evermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

All they around the throne
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising His Name.
We who have felt His blood,
Sealing our peace with God,
Spread His dear Name abroad—
"Worthy the Lamb!"

To Him our hearts we raise—
None else shall have our praise;
Praise ye His Name.
Him our exalted Lord,
By us below adored,
We praise with one accord—
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Join all the human race,
Our Lord and God to bless;
Praise ye His Name!
In Him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
And say with heart and voice,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe





Collect for Purity

**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.
Amen**

The Kyrie

**Morena re utlwele bohloko (Lord have mercy)
Kriste o, re utlwele bohloko (Christ have mercy)
Morena re utlwele bohloko (Lord have mercy)**

The Penitence

Every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Thus, if we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that Jesus is Lord, and that God raised him from the dead we will be saved.

Let us confess together:

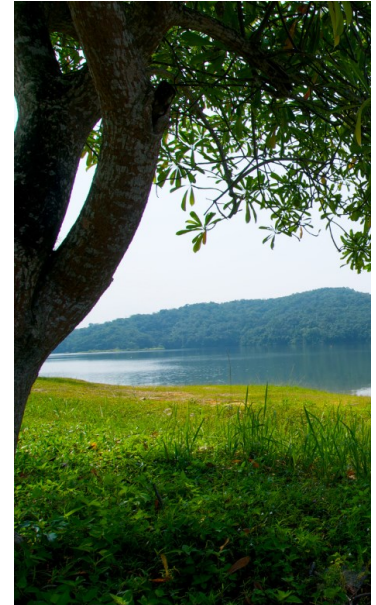
Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. 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

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Messiah:
empower all who confess you as Lord
to follow in the way of the cross**





and find in it the way of life and glory;
for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Word of God

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Open our hearts o Lord
To listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

The Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

**I believe and trust in God the Father
who made the world.**

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
Who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious Lord, we pray that you would always be the foremost of our thoughts, that you would guide our thoughts and words for we know the power these have over ourselves and others. May our mouths only ever speak praise you and affirmation for our brothers and sisters.

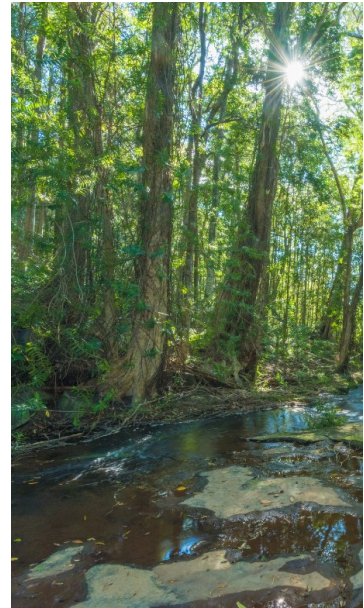
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ you have said that if we have faith as small as a mustard seed, we will be able to move mountains. Help us to place our trust in you always and help us to believe in ourselves and the gifts and abilities you give us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer



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You have said Lord Jesus, that if we wish to follow you we should deny ourselves and take up our cross. Grant us the courage to abandon the comfortable but often fruitless enclaves we inhabit and the determination to follow you faithfully.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

Almighty God, we continue to pray for the earth and its resources. Help us to see you in every species of plant, animal and bird. Give us a reverence for your creation and its biodiversity and help us to cherish it accordingly.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the midst of life's vagaries, give us eyes to see your kingdom in unlikely places, voices to proclaim its presence, and courage to invite those around us to partake of it.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

God of comfort, we bring before you our brothers and sisters who are experiencing pain, anguish and anxiety. We pray your healing hand upon them and above all, that they be comforted by a sense of your abiding presence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

We pray for the souls of all our faithful departed. May you look upon them with your loving mercy and may they find eternal comfort in your presence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

We pray finally that we would continue as faithful witnesses of your love, mercy and justice. May we gain hope and encouragement from one another and thereby be strengthened as the Body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

We make these prayers in the name him who died, is risen, and is now seated at God's right hand, Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for Offering

Lord of all creation, you have blessed our world with bounteous resources and yet still somehow we are unable to feed all of your children. We therefore pray for a change in mindset, that we would recognize the riches of your creation and allocate them more justly. May these our gifts, keep us ever mindful of those with less, and may they be a pleasing offering to you. Bless them and use them for the work of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Traditional hymn based on Matthew 6:9-13.

Commissioning and Blessing

People of God, following Jesus is risky – it means denying ourselves in order to save ourselves. Let us go and consider together what we have explored in this worship service, what that means for you and how you will live your faith in this coming week. As you go about your daily routine, ask God to open your eyes to see the people and places as God does. Let us think about what we might do to grow the kingdom of God in that place.

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before his presence with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, now and forever. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with 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

1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. *[Refrain]*

3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. *[Refrain]*

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

Refrain:

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *[Refrain]*

Author: Charles Wesley (1738)

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