



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

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near;
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, thro' grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name;
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Author: John Newton (1779)



Opening Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord!

Call upon the name of the Lord!

God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.

God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.

Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others. 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 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

Morena re hauhele, o re hauhele

Morena re hauhele, re hauhele

Kriste re hauhele, o re hauhele

Kriste re hauhele, re hauhele

Morena re hauhele, o re hauhele

Morena re hauhele, re hauhele



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

Generous God,

You provide even for the dissatisfied and the grumbling:

Teach us the ways of your justice

And lead us to practice your generosity,

So that we will live worthy of the Gospel;

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 16:2-15

Psalm 105: 1-6,37-45

Philippians 1: 21-30

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Open our hearts O Lord,

To listen to the words of your Son

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20: 1-16

The Sermon

Learning generosity from God

by Rev. Allie Joseph

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

God of mercy and love, make the universal Church a place where all may see the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; find shelter in his widespread arms; grow in faith and joy; and labour fruitfully to his glory and for the benefit of others. Thank you, Father, for calling us early, midday, and late in life, to be your disciples and workers in your Kingdom's vineyard!

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

We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers around the world, especially in North Korea, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, and Nigeria. Give them courage to honour Christ in their body; to speak and live the Gospel with boldness and joy; and to know that they are participating in the suffering of Jesus.

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

Loving God, grant wisdom to our earthly leaders. Let them seek you while you may be found; call upon you while you are near; and govern in accordance with your holy will. Graciously grant patience, kindness, and humility to everyone, so that we may lead peaceful lives.

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

Help the people of this congregation to stand firm together, of one spirit, striving to proclaim the Gospel by words and deeds. Make us willing to work at whatever task pleases you and draws others closer to you. Make us glad when latecomers join us in our labours, knowing that your grace has drawn them to serve you, even as it drew us.

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

We join together in prayer as churches are planning to welcome worshippers back in the coming month. Be the safe shelter and solid rock to everyone in times of trouble. Give patience and compassion to all who have the responsibility of leadership and pastoral guidance. Restore us to the joy of fellowship with our fellow brothers and sisters.

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

We thank you, Father, for those we love who have departed this life and are now with Christ. Though we grieve, we also rejoice; for we know that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Give us strength to labour cheerfully in the vineyards of goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and righteousness. Make us as generous to others with those things as Jesus is to us. Make us rejoice to see how many he has redeemed and welcomed into your blessed Kingdom; and when we see him face to face.

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



God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing of Offering

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, 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

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the love we have received from you
and from those who love you.
We thank you, O God for your love for us.

We give thanks for those who love and care for us,
giving us a place of belonging, valuing us for who we are.



We give thanks for the valuable people that surround us today
for gifts that are shown here in this church and in our community.

We thank you, O God for your love for us.

We give thanks for those who speak and those who do,
for those who dream and those who find ways of bringing the dreams alive,
or those who write and those who play, those who make and those who clean up,
for those who are always before us and those we sometimes forget.

We thank you, O God for your love for us.

We give you thanks that we are part of this group of people
able to offer our own abilities and insight.

Show us new ways we can serve them and you.

We thank you, O God for your love for us.

For the gifts we have received and the opportunity to give in return we thank you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,
that all might see, and seeing, believe

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

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its bounties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.



Author: Philip Doddridge (1755)

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