



A Liturgy of the Word Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness: high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness he will accept for the name that is dear, mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Author: John Samuel Bewley Monsell.

Call to Worship

From sunrise to sunset,
Let us praise God's holy name.

With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,
Let us praise God's holy name.

In our work and in our homes,
Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us praise the Lord with our whole hearts!
We will worship God now and always.

Opening Prayer

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

Tlotlo le be ho Molimo
Ea busang maholimong
Khotso e be teng lefatsheng
Ho batho ba lokileng
Re u boka ka thabo
Re phehella thorisong
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela
Ka tumelo e phelang
A re rosiseng Molimo
Tebohong e sa feleng
U mohloli e moholo
Ea busang maholimong
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Jesu mora oa Molimo
U konyana e tlosang
Libe tsa lefatshe lohle
Re batla ho u rata
U re hauhele bohle
Ba llang mona lefatsheng
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**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.**

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe)





The Kyrie

**Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele**

**Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele
Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele**

**Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele**

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe)

The Penitence

Let us confess our sins to the One who welcomes us with an open heart.

**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 turn everything upside down
and make all things new:
pour your wisdom into our hearts
that we will turn from selfish ambition
to walk in your way of mercy and peace;
for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13 – 4: 3, 7-8a

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Speak o Lord, your servant is listening
You have the words of everlasting life
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

(sung by Ven Moses Thabethe)





Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 30-37

The Sermon

Sermon: by Revd Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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

As children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need:

God of community, we pray for the Anglican church throughout the world, the Church in Southern Africa and our own Diocese of Johannesburg and Steve, our Bishop. Bless the efforts of preparing for the upcoming provincial and diocesan synods. Unite us in our love for you, particularly during these difficult times that we may be encouraged to work together for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal and restore our environment.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.





God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those anywhere who struggle with pain or illness, disability or daunting diagnosis. God our healer, stay by their side. Be with those who face death this day, and those who mourn for loved ones who have died. Unite us with them in love, and grant us the peace and hope you have promised us in Christ our risen Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Cape Town Youth Choir (formerly Pro Cantu) - "The Lord's Prayer"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

People of God,
May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;





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

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.**

Chorus

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**2. I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**3. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.**

**4. I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Chorus

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**5. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.**

**6. Finest bread I will provide,
'Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?**



Author: Daniel L. Schutte (1981)

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