

# A Liturgy of the Word Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost











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

## Processional Hymn

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Author: Robert Grant (1833)

## Call to Worship

Shout for joy to God:

Sing the glory of God's name.

Come and see what God has done:

How awesome are his deeds; towards the children of the earth.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard

Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.



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 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!"

## 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

Nkosi yiba nenceba Kristu yiba nenceba Nkosi yiba nenceba

### The Penitence

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." 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.

## 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 the source of all power, your people find wholeness in your love: grant that, in our trials, we will seek Christ and receive the gift of healing with grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.



## The Word of God

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the good shepherd says the Lord
I know my sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

## The Sermon

by The Ven Moses 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

For the Church, the world, and all people, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Lord, give us steadfast love and heartfelt gratitude for every good gift that comes from you. When we pause to consider your goodness, we realise how blessed we are. Tune our hearts to sing your praise. Make our feet lovely with the eagerness to run to others with tokens of your mercy and goodness.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.



Heavenly Father, you instructed the exiles in Babylon to make for themselves the most of their adverse conditions. May your Church throughout the world seek to bring healing, reassurance and hope to those who are in need. Give to this Diocese, to Steve our Bishop, wisdom and strength, to carry out the great commission to proclaim your Gospel. We pray for Thabo, our Metropolitan, and the worldwide Anglican Communion. May you strengthen our chords of fellowship and unite us in your Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

We pray for our own parish, St Michael's Bryanston, for its people, its ministries, and its mission. We give great thanks and praise that we have entered the year of our 70th anniversary and ask that you continue to equip and empower us to carry out the work of your kingdom. In all things, shape us into vessels of your generosity and holiness, so that many people may receive the fullness of life that comes from knowledge of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

We pray for our world, one in many places that is battered by evil and bruised by violence. Give us teachable hearts which will strive to obey your precepts. Give wisdom, integrity, and common sense to our elected and appointed leaders. Guide all who are entrusted with authority in government, commerce, education, and whatever else affects your people in their everyday lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of comfort, be gracious and merciful to all who are weighed down by loss and grief. We thank you for our Grief Share ministry and the healing it is bringing to the bereaved in our midst. May we continue to walk with them in their sorrow, and to share with them the love and friendship that is of you, Lord Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Our Lord Jesus, in his infinite compassion, healed ten lepers. We pray that his healing ministry would continue to be carried out today. Empower us to minister to those afflicted by disease, despair, or the shadow of death. Especially we bring before you the needs of: {List}. Grant them healing, hope, and grateful hearts; and reunite them with all who love them.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Most Holy and blessed Father, bring your perfect, eternal healing to all who have died trusting in your promises. Comfort all who mourn. Give us devoted friendship, diligent service, and grateful hearts. For Jesus' sake, deliver us from evil and forgive us our sins. Heal us in body, soul, mind, and heart, so with our whole being, we may love and praise you eternally in the company of all the redeemed.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

## Prayer for Offering

Lord of love and life, when we look at creation we see that abundance and variety are part of your essential nature. Help us to be good stewards of everything you have blessed us with.



May we too be agents of your life-giving power in our provision to those with less. Bless these the gifts that they may further the work of your kingdom and so communicate your abundant life to others. In the name of the one Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

If we have died with him,

We will also live with him;

If we endure,

We will also reign with him;

If we are faithless,

He remains faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

## Final Blessing

Now to him that is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.

#### Amen



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen



## Final Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight; move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might; boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide let there be light.

> Author: John Marriott (1780-1825)

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