



A Liturgy of the Word 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith,
Whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet North and South;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Author: John Oxenham (1908)



Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord
Serve him with gladness

Come into God's presence with singing
Know that the Lord, he is God

It is he who made us, and we are his
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise
Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name

Opening Prayer

God - we gather in your presence.
Father - we long for more of you.
Jesus - we place you at the centre.
Holy Spirit - come and fill our time together.
Help us to be fully present now,
to your word, to one another,
and to the world you love. **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

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

1 Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!

Refrain:

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

2 Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father! [Refrain]

3 Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit! [Refrain]

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.**

The Kyrie

Empty broken here I stand, Kyrie eleison,
Touch me with Your healing hand, Kyrie eleison,
Take my arrogance and pride, Kyrie eleison,
wash me in Your mercy's tide, Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison,





When my faith is all but gone, Kyrie eleison,
Give me strength to carry on, Kyrie eleison,
when my dreams have turned to dust, Kyrie eleison,
In You O Lord I put my trust, Kyrie eleison.

Repeat Chorus

When my heart is cold as ice, Kyrie eleison,
Your love speaks of sacrifice, Kyrie eleison,
Love that sets the captives free, Kyrie eleison,
O pour compassion down on me, Kyrie eleison.

Repeat Chorus

You're the voice that calms my fears, Kyrie eleison,
You're the laughter dries my tears, Kyrie eleison,
You're the music, my refrain, Kyrie eleison,
Help me sing my song again, Kyrie eleison.

Repeat Chorus

Humble heart of holiness, Kyrie eleison,
Kiss me with Your tenderness, Kyrie eleison,
Jesus, faithful Friend and true, Kyrie eleison,
All I am I give to You, Kyrie eleison.

Authors: Anita and Nick Haigh (2000)

The Penitence

In penitence and faith, let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions. So 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

Mysterious God:
reveal the narrowness of our blinded sight,
and make us aware of all who serve your purposes
so that together we will celebrate
the glory of your reign;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**





The Word of God

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord
I now my sheep and mine know me
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 38-50

The Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright

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 we enter this time of prayer, we intercede on behalf of God's world, together with the universal Church:

Lord God, in ancient times you inspired with your Spirit your servant Esther to save your people from the hands of evil men. We pray that you would raise up leaders in our own time to guide your people and to make known your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.





The Apostle James tells us that if we are sick, we should call for the elders of the church to anoint us and pray for us. We pray for all in our parish who are sick and for all recovering from illness, that your hand of healing and comfort would be upon them, Lord Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We continue to pray for the protection and restoration of our earth and its natural beauty. Instil in us a deep appreciation of the sanctity of all earthly life and help us to work actively toward its protection.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are differently abled. Help us to see in them your divine image. Remind them that they are precious in your sight and inspire them to fulfil the purpose to which you have called them, that they may be an inspiration to others.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We continue to pray for our diocese, and the Anglican Church in Southern Africa and throughout the world. As we seek to renew our mandate to serve the needs of the world and to proclaim your Good News, may your guiding hand be upon Bishop Steve, Archbishop Thabo and Archbishop Justin Welby.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We continue to commit into your hands our own parish and its members. May you remind each of us of the great and abiding love you have for us. Help us not to feel far from you Lord, and may your love be expressed in our service and care for one another.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Prayer for Offering

Gracious God, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you. You are infinitely good to us. Your creation is so magnificent – it gives us pleasure and supplies our needs for food and water and light and warmth. And you have supplied salvation through Jesus, your Son. You supply our spiritual needs through communion with You, through our spiritual armor, our spiritual gifts, and your indwelling Holy Spirit. Accept these tithes and offerings we give you today as a "thank offering" for your immeasurable blessings. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Ons vader wat woon in die hemel,
geheilig sy u naam, laat u ryk kom,
u wil geskied, soos in die hemel so ook op die aarde
gee ons vandag ons dag se brood
en vergeef ons al ons skulde,
net soos ons vergewe die wat teen ons sondig.
Laat kom ons nie in die versoeking,
maar verlos ons van die bose.
Van u is die ryk en die sterkte en die ere, vir ewig en ewig, Amen.

Song: Onse Vader (The Lord's Prayer)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, may our lives be lived within a spirit of thanksgiving. In all situations and at all times, may we be lead to praise you and give you thanks. We know that our lives are fraught with stresses and struggles and yet we also know we can do all things through your Son, our Lord. May our gaze be firmly fixed on him and may we never lose sight of the benefit and blessings you bestow upon us. **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

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

For Thee delightfully employ
What e'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heaven.



Author: Charles Wesley.

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