



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

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

By Fred Kaan 1965



Opening Prayer

O Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

For behold, I am doing a new thing, says your God.

And this we long to see and embrace.

Come, let us worship God.

We come before our God with expectancy and hope!

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

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison
Kriste eleison, Kriste eleison
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

By Ven Moses Thabethe & Rev Allie Joseph

The Penitence

Let us ask pardon from the Lord.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,



and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy all the good gifts you bless us with,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

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

Almighty God

In Jesus Christ we find the meaning

And pattern of our lives:

Draw us ever closer to him

That we may share in Christ's sufferings

And live in the power of Christ's

resurrection;

who is alive and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Amen



The Word of God

Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9,12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia x3

Open our hearts O Lord

To listen to the words of your Son

Alleluia! X3

By Ven Moses Thabethe

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

The Sermon

by Rev Margaret Place



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

God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love and mercy, we bring before you our prayers.

For the Church: That your church may be a beacon of hope to a world seeking for the path that leads to you, amidst all that is happening in the world. We bring before you the leaders of our church here in South Africa, our archbishop, the bishops, and all those who hold positions of leadership and service. May your spirit of love and compassion lead and guide them.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those the leaders of the world. That you oh God would raise up leaders who are concerned with welfare of their people. That the spirit of justice and goodwill be seen and felt by people everywhere. Inspire the leaders of our country and countries everywhere, that your people may no longer suffer want because their leaders are motivated by greed and self-interest. For the leaders of the world we pray you guidance and inspiration.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the parish of St Michael's. Lord we bring before you the members and the leadership of our parish. As we start to have face to face services, may you guide and lead those who are involved in all the planning and preparations. Bless each member of our parish and build our spirit of community and care. We pray for those members who are sick and infirm, those who need your special care. Bless our parish and build us into a caring faith community.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our pastoral ministries. Lord we bring before you all our different parish ministries and all parish activities that will start meeting in person soon. Bless each and everyone who are engaged in our different pastoral and social outreach programs. This period of isolation and social distancing has impacted on each one of us in our own way. May you fill us with your spirit and keep us united in our common concern for one another.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our children and young people. Lord we raise the prayers and concerns of children and young people everywhere into your presence, may you bless them and their families with all that they need in this time. May they always know and feel your special care and protection.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Generous God, you brought us to life and your Son came so that we may have life and have it in abundance. We pray for those in need, that you will give us a full measure of your spirit of abundant generosity, that we may fill up the lack that remains in our communities and our society.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who suffered loss. Be with those who have suffered loss during this time, those who suffered financial losses and must now rebuild their lives, their careers, and their businesses. Above all lord, to those who have lost their loved ones, grant your peace and compassion. We pray for our dearly departed, give them eternal life and peace in your kingdom.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray Lord may these prayers and those raised in the silence of the hearts of your faithful people be acceptable in your sight. May you guide and sustain us throughout. Be with us in the week ahead and keep us in your care and protection. Through Christ our lord

Amen



Blessing of Offering

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you
and to respond to those in need,
through 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

Loving and amazing God,
Your constant love and faithfulness
sustain us through all things.

For this we Give you thanks.

We give You thanks for the choice to let go
of whom we have thought ourselves to be
and become the new creation you call us to be.

For this we Give you thanks.

We give thanks almighty God, that You call us again and again
to be Your people,





that You love us and want us to live together
in fullness of community and life.

For this we Give you thanks.

We give thanks that You want us to be part of the harvest,
In the gathering of it and the sharing,
so that we might learn more
of what it is to be like You.

Amen

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

May you be a blessing to every life you touch,
and may God's Spirit within you
be a gift of refreshment shared
with all who are thirsty along the road you travel.

May the blessing of almighty God, 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

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love the things you love,
And do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.



O breathe on me, O breath of God,
My will to yours incline,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1878)

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