



A Liturgy of the Word Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him

Author: Joachim Neander (1680);
Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863)



Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it
The world and those who live in it

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
Those who have clean hands and pure heart, who do not lift up their souls to what is false

They will receive a blessing from the Lord
And vindication from the God of their salvation

Such is the company of those who seek him
Who seek the face of the God of Jacob

Opening Prayer

As we enter this sacred time and space,
though physically apart,
we are united by God's Holy Spirit.
Come then Holy Spirit,
that our hearts may be warmed by your love,



our spirits fed by your presence,
and our tongues moved to offer you praise.

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 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. Amen.**

The Kyrie

'Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness;
all my people, weep with me.'

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*



'Walk among them, I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together we will serve them,
help them stand.'

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

Forgive us, Father; hear our prayer.
We would walk with You anywhere,
through Your suff'ring, with forgiveness;
take Your life into the world.

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

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

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that without love
whatever we do is worthless:
pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you;
for you live and reign with the Father
and Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16





Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Open our hearts o Lord
To listen to the words of your Son
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

The Sermon

by Revd Sharmain James

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:

Heavenly Father, in our Gospel reading we see how the rich man leaves Jesus' presence filled with sorrow because he was unable to part with his wealth. While we know that material wealth is necessary for our survival, protect us from obsession with it, from serving it as an idol, and from its ability to skew our values and perception.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Our Psalm speaks of being forsaken by God – a verse our Saviour quoted as he was dying on the cross. We pray, Lord, that you would be with and comfort all those who may have a similar sense of God-forsakenness – those perhaps at the edge of our society, as well as those who are suffering illness or loss. Protect them from falling away from you and bring them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.



In these challenging economic times, we continue to pray for those without work and income, for those upon whose income entire households depend, for all those trying to make ends meet. We know, Lord, that the earth is yours and all that is in it, and that you provide for all your creatures. May those without work not fall victim to despondency and dejection but instead find their hope in you.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious Father, your Son said to his disciples that unless they become like children they could not enter the kingdom of heaven. We pray for the gift of humility Lord, as well as an abiding trust in your promises that, regardless of the circumstances we face, we would always place our hope in you.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our upcoming webinar, that it would be a means for our parishioners to connect with you and one another, and that they would be ministered to. We pray, Lord, in these changing times that you would continue to help and inspire us to find new ways of proclaiming your good news and of extending your kingdom in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us, Lord, to always be grateful to you. Help us to maintain a mindset of gratitude and positivity, that we would be able to recognise your blessing in the most unlikely of places. As we do so, we pray we would help others to see in the world, your work and blessing.

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 over the Offerings

God of grace and providence, you shower us with every good gift and for this we thank you. The birds of the air neither sow nor reap and yet you feed them. Indeed, you care for all your creatures. We now give back to you a small measure of what you have blessed us with. We ask you to set this apart for the work of your kingdom and the spreading of your Good News. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Song: Russian Version of "Our Father"
Performed by: Conspirare & Craig Hella Johnson

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 will sing the wondrous story
 Of the Christ who died for me.
 How He left His home in glory
 For the cross of Calvary.
 I was lost, but Jesus found me,
 Found the sheep that went astray,
 Threw His loving arms around me,
 Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me;
 Faint was I from many a fall;
 Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
 But He freed me from them all.
 Days of darkness still come o'er me,
 Sorrow's paths I often tread,
 But the Saviour still is with me;
 By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
 Rolls its waters at my feet;
 Then He'll bear me safely over,
 Where the loved ones I shall meet.
 Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
 Of the Christ who died for me,
 Sing it with the saints in glory,
 Gathered by the crystal sea.

Author: Francis H. Rowley (1886)



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