

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

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, our brother:
Glory to God on high!

Author: Fred Pratt Green

Call to Worship

Be glad, O children of Zion:
And rejoice in the LORD your God

Praise is due to God in Zion:
And to you shall vows be performed.

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 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**

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.**

The Penitence

And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but rather those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Let us therefore confess our sins:

**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

**O God,
 our strength and hope:
 save us from pride and give us the mind of Christ,
 that in humility we may confess our sin
 and find our hope in you:
 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

Joel 2: 23-32
 Psalm 65
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 18: 9-14

The Sermon

by The Revd Sharmain James

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

As we enter this time of prayer let us make petition for the world, into which Christ came, and for which he died, in union with the Church universal.

Gracious Father, in these turbulent and changing times, we see the greed of nations and their warring paths, how wreak destruction on whole communities. Look with mercy on us. Cause us to turn from paths of vainglory and self-interest. May we experience a collective change in consciousness, that the whole of humanity would work toward a world where peace and justice reign.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion, and for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, over which Thabo our Archbishop presides. We pray too for our own Diocese, and for Steve our Bishop. Equip and empower our leaders, and those of all faiths; unite them with a sense of common mission, that they may work towards establishing your justice and peace in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own parish, St Michael's Bryanston, for its leaders, its ministries, and all those it aims to serve. Be with and empower our clergy, parish ministers, portfolio holders, and all who serve your Church here, that they may effectively tend to the needs of your people and build your kingdom in this place.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a society where we are always competing, save us Lord, from feelings of self-righteousness and superiority. Grant us the gift of humility that we would have the mind of Christ, and that our hearts would be full of the love of the Holy Spirit. Thereby, enable us to see You in each of our brothers and sisters, tend to their needs, and afford them the respect and dignity entitled to all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the downcast and weary; may all who are weighed down and tired by work, worry, or the cares of this life, come to you for comfort. Teach us to take your yoke upon us, which is easy and light, and thereby find rest for our soles. Be with those who are suffering through illness or any form of distress, especially we pray for... We give thanks for our pastoral care ministry and the many people it helps; may it continue to be a vehicle of your grace and healing.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commit into your hands those who have died recently. Especially we pray for the repose of... As we near the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls may you look kindly on all who have gone before us. Grant your comfort and healing to those mourning the loss of loved ones. And may we all look forward to the day when we will be united with our loved ones in that greater cloud of witnesses.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May these our prayers be to you a fragrant offering, heavenly Father, and may you grant their fulfilment according to your will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

Gracious Father, the world and all creation belong to you. As humankind, we are your stewards and yet we brazenly misuse the resources you have entrusted to our care. As we offer to you Lord, a portion of what you have blessed us with, may we and our fellow brothers and sisters be reminded of our duty to care for your creation, and provide for future generations. Bless these offerings, Lord, and use them in the service of your people and for the building of your kingdom. In the name of Christ, our Lord. **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**

Final Blessing

Let us fight the good fight, let us finish the race, let us keep the faith.
 There are kept for us crowns of righteousness, which the Lord,
 the righteous judge, will award us on that day, and not only us
 but also all who have loved his appearing.

Let us wait for the Lord.

Whose day is near.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make
 his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may he lift up
 his countenance upon you and give you peace; I
 in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God
 with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done,
 in whom his world rejoices;
 who from our mothers' arms
 has blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,



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to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Author: Martin Rinkart (1636); transl. Catherine Winkworth



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