

A Liturgy of the Word Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Author: Timothy Rees..

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We come in these moments of quiet to God.

Full of all our thoughts and emotions of the day.



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We come to still ourselves in God's presence
To reflect and listen and sift through our many ideas.

We come just as we are.:
Knowing that God loves us.

Let us pray.
 Loving God, we acknowledge your presence.
 Bless us in our togetherness, in our speaking and listening,
 our sharing and worship and as we leave this place
 be our strength and hope for this and every day. **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:
 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
 Christe eleison
 Kyrie eleison**

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe



The Penitence

Scripture reminds us that God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea,
 and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth.
 Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make
 our confession, before God and each other.

**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,
 in Christ you seek and save the lost:
 visit us with the joy of salvation
 that we may rejoice in the riches of your forgiveness.
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
 Psalm 119:137-144
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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 19: 1-10

The Sermon

by The Revd Margaret Place

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our prayers and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world. Father, we ask for your blessing to rest upon your Church, as we pray for all leaders of your church and for all who preach, teach, and bring God's word and love to others. Bless Thabo our metropolitan, Steve our bishop and all ministers of your Church. Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love to every continent.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father **we** pray for your blessing on the life of this parish and community and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the young and the elderly and for families. We give you thanks for our creativity and all that reveals your loveliness.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how Jesus produced a newness of life. Work in the hearts of all in positions of authority. Infuse them with the spirit of justice tempered by mercy towards the unprotected and vulnerable. Grant them the imagination and resolution to create in this country and throughout the world a just social order for the family of humankind. Make them agents of your compassion to the suffering and the persecuted, through the spirit of your

son, who shared the sufferings of humanity.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for countries where there is war and violence. We pray especially today for the situation in Ukraine and ask that peace be a priority in the hearts of all, and that the ways of reason, acceptance and forgiveness will triumph over the gun and the bombs and that the hearts of all those who have been darkened by violence discover a different light and a better way.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are sick, especially those whose illness is long term and demands much patience to bear. We remember before you those who are lonely and depressed and pray that we may be good listeners when friends and neighbours need us. Give us the right words and help us to know what simple acts of kindness may help someone else. Comfort with your presence those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and give them courage and hope in their troubles. In your great mercy, comfort and relieve them according to their various needs and may they all draw strength that you are with them in all their troubles.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father we remember those who have died and we give thanks for the promise of eternal life and for the hope of glory. We commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died and those who mourn.

May they rest in peace and rise with the perpetual vision of your glory.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pause to express, in the silence of our hearts, our personal intentions. (Keep a moment of silence)

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God of mercy and tenderness, you came to seek and save what was lost. Listen to the voices of your people, who cry out to you on behalf of those in need, those who are searching, those who are lost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how your call produced a new attitude to wealth and possessions. As we give to you our offering this day, may we also know the joy of Zacchaeus whose generosity exploded with gratitude. Bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining in the work of your kingdom. Keep us faithful in this generation so we can offer the inheritance we have received in Christ to the generation that comes after us. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

**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.**

Final Blessing

As the Father has loved you, go now and love. As the Son has forgiven and redeemed you, go now, extending grace to all you meet. As the Spirit has transformed you into the likeness of the Son, go now, letting the life of Christ guide you each moment of the day. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you all, this and every day. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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



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