



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

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight;
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend
us with Thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.



Author: John Bunyan, Adapter: Percy Dearmer

Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name
Worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness

The voice of the Lord is over the waters
The God of glory thunders over many waters

May the Lord give strength to his people
May the Lord bless his people with peace

We come into this time,
mindful of God's presence in us and around us,



mindful of God's willingness to bless us and to draw us closer.
May the eyes of our hearts be open to perceive God's working,
here and in the world at large. **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

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| Udumo ku Nkulunkulu | kweziphezulu, |
| Kub 'uxolo Emhlabeni | kubantu, |
| Nkosi Nkulunkulu | ngqongqoshe wase zulwini, |
| Nkulunkulu, Yise, | Somandla. |
| Siyakhuleka | Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga, |
| Sikudumisa | sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho. |
| Siyakhuleka | Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga, |
| Sikudumisa | sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho. |

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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| Nkosi uJesu Kristo, Ndoda | na ezelwe nguye, |
| Nkosi Nkulunkulu, | Mvana ka Nkulunkulu. |
| Wena osus' izono | zomhlaba |
| ake uu-siha | wukele. |
| Weno 'hlezi | Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo, |
| Yamukela | Yamukela ukucela kwethu. |
| Weno 'hlezi | Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo, |
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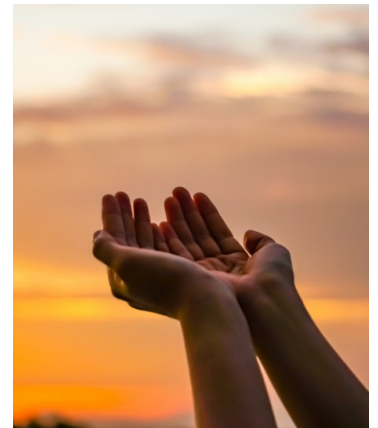
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| Ngoba nguwe wedwa | owecwebileyo, |
| Nguwe wedwa | oyi Nkosi. |
| Nguwe wedwa, | onguPhezukonke, |
| Jesu Kristo, | Jesu Kristo. |
| Ukanye | Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo, |
| Ebukhosini | Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise. |
| Ukanye | Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo, |
| Ebukhosini | Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise. |

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Collect for Purity

**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

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Morena re hauhele
Morena re hauhele

Kriste re hauhele
Kriste re hauhele

Morena re hauhele
Morena re hauhele

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.**

The Absolution

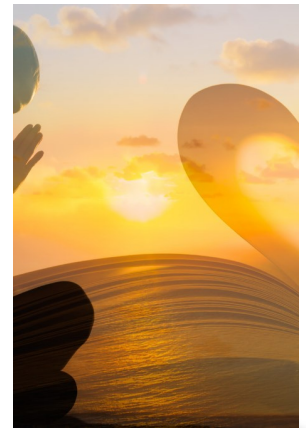
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you:
pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen
you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you came among us as the servant of all:
overturn our wrongful pride
and make us eager to serve our brothers and sisters
with loving self-sacrifice;
for you live and reign with the Father
and Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104: 1-10, 35-36
Hebrews 10:35-45





Gospel Acclamation

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The seed is the word of God, Christ the Sower
Whoever finds his seeds will remain forever
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

The Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

**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

Let us humbly approach the throne of God as we make intercession for God's saints.

Gracious Lord, time and again we are shown how the world around us is at odds with the values of the Gospel and of your kingdom. Help us to live according to your values more faithfully, and may we encourage one another along the way.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In our own society and modern world, success and status are lauded as the most desirable qualities in leaders whereas your Son showed us that humility and a willingness to serve should be at the heart of leadership. Convict us of our pride, Lord, and may we seek to lead by serving our brothers and sisters.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.



Heavenly Father, your servant Job knew what it meant to endure severe suffering and loss. In the face of our own trials, we pray that we, like Job, would not turn away from you but rather that we would always bring our cries and petitions before your throne.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for the bonds of fellowship and for the opportunity to strengthen these once more through in-person meetings and services. We pray for the entire St Michael's community, that you would inspire us to reach out to our brothers and sisters, to maintain and strengthen those connections which are so vital to being a community of faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We continue to pray for the effective roll-out of the COVID vaccine. We know, Lord, that this is one of the few ways available for us to restore some level of normality in our lives. As more of us are vaccinated we pray that you would dispel any unfounded fear from our hearts and inspire us to find new ways of being the community of faith and hope which you have called us to be.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of mercy and grace, while we try to look forward and move on with our lives we are undoubtedly still burdened by the loss of so many of our loved ones. Guide us to find some measure of closure at their passing and, as their memory lives on in our hearts, may we be reminded of the preciousness and sanctity of life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We make these prayers, together with the universal Church and in unity with all the faithful departed, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

Gracious Father, in our current circumstances it is so easy to fall into a negative mindset and to lose sight of all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Help us to remember how blessed we are, and how blessed we have been, especially relative to so many others in our society. For this we thank you, and ask you to grant us a spirit of gratitude, that we would in turn be a blessing to others. Bless these tokens of our gratitude to you and may they be effective in the building up of your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Artist: Mike Curb Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for your constant guidance in our lives and for all the ways you encourage, challenge, strengthen and renew us. We thank you that we still hear your quiet words whispering to us in the silence of our own hearts. We thank you that through song, prayer, preaching, worship mission and service, we are still able to hear your voice. Through fellowship and community, we can feel your presence in what we do and say. We thank you that through Christ's life, work, teaching, death and resurrection you speak to us and that your Holy Spirit inspires, comforts and empowers us each day. We thank you for the times we have felt lost and have felt your hand take hold of us and lead us forward – through difficulties, life problems and illnesses. We thank you for your healing touch. Be with us now, directing our ways so that we may glorify you in all that we do and say. **Amen**

Final Blessing

God knows your name, and calls you to serve others in his.

Go then, to love and serve the Lord,

by loving and serving all of those with whom you share this earthly life.



And, the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and 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.

Final Hymn

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore?"
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

Author: William Chatterton Dix in 1866

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