



A Liturgy of the Word Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



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Processional Hymn

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
a ransomed soul, he leads me;
and where the fertile pastures grow,
with food from Heaven feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me;
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

You spread a banquet in my sight
of love beyond all knowing;
and O the gladness and delight
from your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house for ever!

Author: H. W. Baker (1868)



Opening Prayer

Our God promised us long ago;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Through this act of worship, we are reminded:
That God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come! May we worship God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
For God's steadfast love endures forever.

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 in isiZulu

Udumo ku Nkulunkulu	kweziphezulu,
Kube 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!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Nkosi uJesu Kristo, Ndodana	ezelwe nguye,
Nkosi Nkulunkulu,	Mvana ka Nkulunkulu.
Wena osus' izono	zomhlaba
ake usiha	wukele.
Weno 'hlezi	Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo,
Yamukela	Yamukela ukucela kwethu.
Weno 'hlezi	Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo,
Yamukela	Yamukela ukucela kwethu.



Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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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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The 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.**



The Kyrie in Xitsonga

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele

Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele
Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele

By Ven Moses Thabethe

The Penitence

**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.**

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,
Your Son has shown us how to love one another:
let our love for you overflow into joyful service
and be a healing witness to our neighbours;
through Jesus Christ our Lord'
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and ever
Amen**



The Word of God

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord your words are Spirit and Life
Alleluia, Alleluia
You have the words of everlasting life
Alleluia! Alleluia

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46
Read by Edna Scott



The Sermon

Love that transforms

by Ven. Moses Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

**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

For the Church : Loving God, we bring before you the needs of our church. We pray for the universal church, Thabo our Archbishop, bishop Steve the bishop of our diocese and our very own clergy and ministry staff. We pray that you allow church leaders everywhere the blessing of your inspiration. Bless and direct their every effort and allow your church to grow in your love.

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

For our world and its leaders : God of mercy and love hear the prayers we offer on behalf of our world at this time. We pray for world leaders and organisations charged with ensuring the wellbeing of those under their authority. May they see your hand at work in their lives, inspire them with your Holy Spirit, that they realise the greatest commandment and live in love of God and neighbour.

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

For families and friends : Lord we bring before you the parish community of St Michael's. Bless us and keep us in your divine love, despite the challenges we currently face. May we always be motivated by our love for you and the love we share for our neighbour. Bless our family units and keep us close to you Lord. Bless all those whom you have given us to know and love, remind us often of the love that you have for us.

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

For those in need : Lord, as Christians we have the special mission to bring your love and care to the least of your brothers and sisters. Bless our every effort at doing good and practicing works of charity. We pray in a special way for those who have asked us for our prayers and those in need of your special care. Be with our intercessors and the members of the Christ healing fellowship and all those they are praying for.

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



For our children and young people : Lord we bring before you our children and young people, their families, and friends. We pray for the children and young people of our church, those in Sunday school, those preparing to receive holy communion and confirmation. May your divine counsel always keep them in the blessed assurance of your Love for them. Lord we pray for their parents and guardians, help them in whatever way they need your assistance. Bless our young people and their parents.

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

Prayer for guidance: In these present uncertainties we raise our hearts and minds to you Lord. Be with the older members of our congregation, bless them with health and a positive spirit. Be with those who must get back into work and other routines. Bless and protect families who must go through changes and new realities. As we come to close of a very challenging year, Lord guide our feet in the way of your peace. Help us to always choose love.

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

For peace that lay in the future your Son came to teach us perfect love. Be with us throughout this new week and envelop us in your perfect love.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing of Offering

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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

Thank you that in worship we can put aside, the uncertainties of this world and rest upon the certainties of the Kingdom, for your promises are not changeable as those of a politician might be, but immovable and eternal.



Thank you that we can bring to your feet
all the hurts and fears that trouble us,
and leave them there,
knowing that your strength and assurance
are all that we require

Thank you that as we draw near in worship,
we are transported
from a world of concerns and fears,
to a place where we can be at peace in your presence,
find healing, wholeness, and refreshment.
Thank you, Lord God, for the opportunity of worship.

The Final Blessing

God grant you peace in times of anxiety.
May the Spirit of God flow as a healing balm
to mind and soul and ease the load you strain to carry.
In times of uncertainty may God grant you peace.

The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you today and for ever.

Amen.



The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional 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 us when we fall.
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 (1922)

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