

A Liturgy of the Word Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

1 Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore him;
Praise him angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance he has made.

2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

3 Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee,
We would bow before thy throne;
As thine angels serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.

Tune: 'Austria', written by Joseph Haydn in 1797.

Call to Worship

Come let us worship the God of the living:
The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Praise be to God, from generation to generation
You do not abandon your holy ones, or let them see decay

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

1 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Glory to the Father!
 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Glory to the Father!

Refrain:

To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

2 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Son of the Father!
 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Son of the Father! [Refrain]

3 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Glory to the Spirit!
 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Glory to the Spirit! [Refrain]

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 Kyrie

Morena re hauhele, o re hauhele
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele

Kriste re hauhele, o re hauhele
Kriste re hauhele, re hauhele

Morena re hauhele, o re hauhele
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele

The Penitence

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins
 and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us therefore 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.**

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,
you are the Lord of the living and the dead:
prepare our hearts and minds
that we may be ready
to receive Christ's just and gentle rule;
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

Haggai 1:5b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the world
That our God has come to save

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu—ia, Alleluia



Gospel Reading

Luke 20: 27-38

The Sermon

by The Ven Moses Thabethe

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

Thank You, Lord God, for promises made and kept even when we have failed to keep our side of the bargain. Even when it feels the world teeters on the brink of disaster, we know that You will never abandon Your people, for You have shown us again and again that You are a faithful God. We pray for world leaders, and for those of our own country, that by the conviction and inspiration of your Holy Spirit, they would govern on behalf of the people. We pray against ensuing climate change, and we pray for a paradigm shift among all nations, that collectively we would mitigate its effects.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Church world-wide, for its leaders, and for those of other faiths too. We look forward to a day when religion will no longer be a cause of division, but instead a source of comradery and unity. We pray for our own Archbishop, Thabo, and for our Bishop, Steve. May your hand of guidance and protection remain upon them. And may you continue to bless and guide this parish, its faithful members, and its leaders, that we would daily be conformed to the image of your Son.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**

Hanging in there can be tough. We often feel like giving up at those times when life seems too hard or too painful; when we see those around us suffering. Remind us of the words of the prophets which have sustained Your people throughout generations, and which have come true again and again in Christ Jesus. May your healing hand be upon all who suffer illness in body or mind, that they would know the peace and consolation of your love.

Especially, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**



Having recently marked the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, and having commemorated our loved ones in our Remembrance Service this past Saturday, we continue to hold up to you, heavenly Father, all of our loved ones who have gone before us. We give you great thanks for the love they shared with us, for the examples they were to us and lessons they taught us, whether knowingly or not. We once more commit them into your loving arms, praying that your countenance shine upon them. We pray especially for... (those recently departed/year's mind)

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**

Finally, gracious Father, we pray for ourselves, that we might see light in dark and difficult places, and that we might be the light when others grope for clarity and meaning. We pray for all connected spiritually in the watching of our online service, and for our loved ones who may be far away; for those beside, behind and before us, we pray that we might wait in trust and in love together, and that we might go forth from here to share Your promises with all we meet.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**

We make these prayers in the faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ, trusting in your infinite mercy and goodness.

Amen

Prayer for Offering

Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness. Thank-you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your mercy you have given us so much. Receive our offering today. With it we worship You and give You our whole selves. May you extend and multiple its reach and influence and may it be a blessing to many. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Let us remain steadfast in the Lord, always abounding in his work, knowing that our labour is not in vain.

Go then to celebrate the God who is our home forever.
Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbour.
Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.



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Go to seek God's kingdom in all you say and do.
 And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
 with you, now and always. **Amen**

Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
 angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
 let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
 life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*



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