



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 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

**Refrain:
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.**

**2 You only are the Maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.**

**3 We thank you, then, Creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time, and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.**



Author: Matthias Claudius (1782),

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord in every time and place.
We will speak God's praises constantly.

Boast only in the Lord.
We will praise God's wonderful deeds.

Spread the news of God's greatness.
**We will give God glory everywhere we go.
So let us worship God together this day!**



Opening Prayer

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 St Michael's Choir

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His 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:
cleansing 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

by Ven Moses Thabethe)

Nkosi sihawukele x3
Kristu sihawukele x3
Nkosi sihawukele x3

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.**

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

Abundant God, you made us in your image
and breathed in us a spirit of generosity
that is both gift and response.
Move us, we pray, to give as we have received:
abundantly, generously, and joyfully
that our common ministry may ever bear witness to
your unfailing grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22)
Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the Lord





That our God has come to save
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 5 – 10

The Sermon

by Revd Margaret Place

Taizé

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice
Look to God do not be afraid
Lift up your voices the Lord is near
Lift up your voices the Lord is near

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

**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

Almighty and everlasting God, creator of all that is seen and unseen, of all we can understand and all that is yet to be revealed. You have placed us in a universe with magnificent splendour. Hear us as we humbly come before you to seek your help and guidance in our lives.

At this special thanksgiving time of the year we pray for all who work so that we have food to eat and share. Lord bless all who labour to satisfy our needs and we pray that all trade between peoples and nations may be done openly and fairly and with due regard for the environment and for human dignity.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.





God of justice, You open our eyes on the world and show us struggle and conflict. We see the stressful times in which we live and the burdens many are carrying; today, we pray for those whose businesses are still struggling as the pandemic stretches on;

For producers unsure their harvests will be sufficient this season;
For workers uncertain about their jobs or looking for new work;
And for families carrying the stress of economic uncertainty.

Open their eyes to new possibilities
and open our eyes to ways we can lend support.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for this, our own country and for all in authority, that they will govern wisely and with due regard for the needs of all people.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all families represented here at St Michael's Parish Community today. Each one is made up differently and faces the normal ups and downs of family life in different ways. We are especially mindful of families who are deeply effected by the current economic situation, where there is unemployment and fear for an uncertain future. We pray that each family finds the love of Jesus Christ and that special peace which surpasses all understanding.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the sick, both at home and in hospital, or hospice. We think of the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes. And we pray for all who minister to their needs. Lord Jesus who responded to the needs of all those who had faith; comfort and sustain those who are in need of your grace at this time.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, here in our Parish Community and among our online viewers, whether recently or long ago. Let the knowledge of your resurrection in glory be comfort to all those who mourn.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

God of the Harvest, we thank you and praise your name for your creating, loving power. Give us insight to see your hand at work in our lives and enable us to taste the goodness which comes from knowing you in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

Good and gracious God, we bring our offering to you in gratitude for all that makes our lives good, even in uncertain times. Bless these gifts with your Spirit and use them through the ministry and mission of our church to touch lives in need of your goodness, in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Michael W. Smith

Song: As It Is In Heaven

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. **Amen.**



Final Blessing

May God the Creator, who fed his children with bread and honey in the wilderness, strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land. **Amen.**

May the Son, who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink, keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, help you discern the Lord's vision and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me Heavenward, O Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of Heaven, thou bright Heaven's Sun,
grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

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