



A Liturgy of the Word Third Sunday After Epiphany

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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.**

Author: Anonymous (1796)

Call to Worship

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.
Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come
to show us the best ways to serve God.
By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for a joyful service.
Lord, make us ready for great service in your name.

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

Glory to God on high,
Let praises fill the sky!
Praise ye His Name.
Angels His Name adore,
Who all our sorrows bore,
And saints cry evermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

All they around the throne
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising His Name.
We who have felt His blood,
Sealing our peace with God,
Spread His dear Name abroad—
"Worthy the Lamb!"

To Him our hearts we raise—
None else shall have our praise;
Praise ye His Name.
Him our exalted Lord,
By us below adored,
We praise with one accord—
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Join all the human race,
Our Lord and God to bless;
Praise ye His Name!
In Him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
And say with heart and voice,
"Worthy the Lamb!"



Author: James Allen

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

**Kyrie eleison , Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison , Kyrie eleison**

The Penitence

*Let us confess our sins, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.*



**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

**Holy Spirit,
Jesus began his ministry in your power:
descend on us today,
that we who are Christ's body
will accept our calling as he did;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and Father,
one God, forever and ever Amen.**



The Word of God

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

The Sermon

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,
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

As we gather in joyful hope, singing a new song to all the earth, let us offer our prayers to our Father, who restores and revives all faithful hearts who seek grace and blessing

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that we may continue to be a beacon of light and hope to all. May we always be true to our calling, fruitful in the work of leading others and drawing all those we meet to embrace the Gospel message.

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

We pray for the leaders of nations that they may always work for the common good, for the protection of the vulnerable in our societies, and for the care of our planet.

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

We pray for growth toward Christian unity, that the Spirit of God will help us recognise all that we hold in common as members of the Body of Christ and help us to cooperate in confronting the issues of poverty, violence and neglect.

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

We pray for those suffering from ill health, loss of employment and stress of frontline health work. May they be strengthened through the love and support of those around them. Inspire us in our part of God's vineyard to proclaim liberty to captives, give blind people new sight, set the downtrodden free and proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

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

As schools have commenced, we pray for our teachers, parents and all those entrusted with the care of our young people. We give thanks for our children's ministry teachers at St Michael's: may they be encouraged in their ministry of care to the young.

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

Faithful God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

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



For all who are sick, dying or grieving. For those burdened with addiction or fear, and all who suffer in abusive relationships. Help us to effectively end this pandemic throughout the entire world. Hear the personal intentions of your beloved faithful.

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

Loving God, you hear the prayers of your people and grant us the strength and courage to be faithful to the mission you have called us to live. Therefore, we make these and all our prayers through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, your son, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

Creator God, you made each of us in our uniqueness, and together, all of us to bear your image in the world. Accept our gifts, unique as they are, and bless them for the sake of your Son, Jesus. May they bear his grace and mercy into the world you love so your purposes will be fulfilled. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of life, God of love.
You created us and set us in relationship with each other:
In families and neighbourhoods,
in churches and communities,
in cultures and nations.
We give you thanks for the rich gifts of arts and culture,
of home life and community celebration
which bring meaning and encouragement to our lives.
Help us contribute our gifts
to the traditions and imagination that sustain the best of our common life
from one generation to the next.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!
We have been called,
we have been anointed,
we have been given a task.



Let us go carrying Good News to the world:
news about freedom from oppression
and healing for the afflicted.
The time of the Lord's favour is now!

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

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?**

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