

A Liturgy of the Word Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Date : 13 November 2022



Ven. Moses Thabethe



Rev. Matthew Wright



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

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation:
all ye who hear;
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Author: Joachim Neander (1650-80)



Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Give thanks to the Lord! Tell all the nations what he has done!

Tell them how great He is

Sing to the Lord because of the great things he has done.

Let the whole world hear the news.

Let everyone shout and sing!

God is great, and he lives among his people.

Let us pray.

Loving and caring God, thank you for the gift of this day and for all now connected virtually. We need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumours of wars. We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts, that we may live into this beloved community.

Amen.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's 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:**



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

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Morena re utlwele bohloko
 Kriste o re utlwele bohloko
 Morena re utlwele bohloko

The Penitence

We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. The brokenness in the world, and the sin and despair in our hearts, threaten to consume us as a mighty flood. Yet God is our hope and our firm foundation. Let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

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

**God of all time,
 in Christ you make all things new:
 grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of the times,
 courage to stand firm in the time of trial
 and faith to witness to your truth and love;
 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

Isaiah 65:17-25
 Isaiah 12:2-6 (replaces the Psalm)
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13



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

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

The Sermon

by Revd Sharmain James

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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

O God of the new creation, as we wait for the fulfilment of your promises, we raise to you our prayers for the world, the Church and its people.

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

God of the Church, we thank you for calling us by name. In you we live and move and grow. We pray for churches and Christians throughout the world. Remind us of our common foundation in Christ. May we grow together in faith and in love, until we attain that unity which is your will. We pray for our Archbishop, Thabo, our Diocesan Bishop, Steve, our Parish clergy, Fr Moses, Fr Matthew, Revd Sharmain, Revd Alison and Revd Margaret, together with all the priests and deacons; that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**



In God's new creation, the wolf, and the lamb feed together, the lion eats straw like the ox, and no one suffers hurt or destruction. We pray for our nation and its leaders that they may try to live into your promise, that they might perceive the needs around us and act for those most vulnerable under their care. May they seek your wisdom and strength, and may they lead us in the ways that make for peace. We pray for activists who fight to make their voices heard, that your spirit will move throughout these efforts and your justice be realised.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pour out before you our concerns for our world. We are grieved by our capacity for inhumanity towards one another -- for the hatred and greed that fuels war, for the selfishness and callousness that perpetuates inequities, for the deaf ear and blind eye that keep us comfortable while so many suffer. We are overwhelmed by the needs -- needs for clean drinking water, food and shelter, access to basic medical care and education. We feel helpless in the face of human trafficking, exploitation of children. Speak to us, we pray, in the midst of our brokenness. We long for healing, we cling to hope in you, and we ask for courage to respond as disciples of Jesus Christ to the hurting world around us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our church family here at St Michaels in Bryanston. You have formed this community and taught us how to love one another and how to live for those outside of our immediate circle. You have blessed each of us with different gifts so that we may serve and care for each other. Bind us together, Lord. Help us to offer grace where grace is needed. May the love that we show to each other be a picture of your love and new creation to the community around us

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you entrusted us with the care of your creation, yet all around us creation groans as we poison water, pollute the air, destroy forests, overwork the ground, and disrupts the rhythm of your creatures. God of new creation, as you bring about a world in which all of your creation thrives together, create in us a resistance to the way things are.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of great love, we pray for the safekeeping of all whom we love, and we pray for your healing presence for all who are sick or in trouble. For all who are finding their lives restricted through illness. We pray for comfort and healing for those named on our prayer list. May they feel the support of your loving arms as they travel down difficult path and strengthen everyone who cares for them and surround them with the protection of your holy wings.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we thank you for the lives of your faithful people, especially those dearest to us, who now rest from their labours. Wipe away the tears of all who mourn their loss. Support us throughout our earthly pilgrimage with your Word and Holy Sacraments. Give us strength and clarity, so that we encourage one another as we follow Jesus even though the valley of the shadow of death.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of new creation, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams, our witness to your saving acts of love and justice, our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst.

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Receive these gifts as a symbol and an offering of our lives, that we may be co-workers with you to bring about true change. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Sung by Ven. Moses Thabethe

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
 let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, hallowéd be Thy name,
 Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**On earth as it is in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.
 Give us this day our daily bread, hallowéd be Thy name,
 Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**Forgive us our trespasses, hallowéd be Thy name,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowéd be Thy name,
 Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**Lead us not into temptation, hallowéd be Thy name,
 But deliver us from all that is evil, hallowéd be Thy name,
 Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
 hallowéd be Thy name.
 For ever and for ever and ever, hallowéd be Thy name,
 Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**Amen, Amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name.
 Amen, Amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name,
 Hallowéd be Thy name.**



Final Blessing

Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it a reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the 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

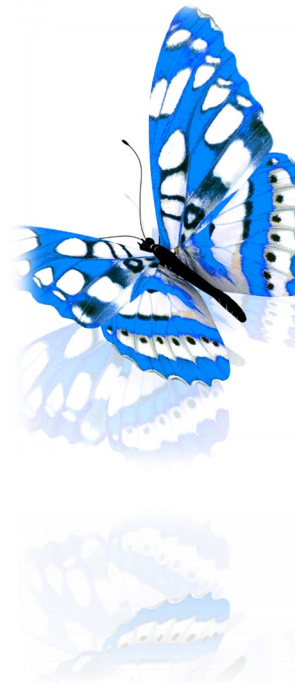
Recessional Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
 Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 For we have no help but thee;
 Yet possessing every blessing,
 If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
 all our weakness thou dost know;
 thou didst tread this earth before us,
 thou didst feel its keenest woe;
 lone and dreary, faint and weary,
 through the desert thou didst go..

Spirit of our God, descending,
 fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
 love with every passion blending,
 pleasure that can never cloy:
 thus provided, pardoned, guided,
 nothing can our peace destroy.

Author: James Edmeston



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