



A Liturgy of the Word 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

1 O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood
so freely shed for me:

4 A heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect and right and pure and good —
a copy, Lord, of thine.

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new best name of Love.

3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within:

Author: Charles Wesley (1742).

Call to Worship

We gather now to give thanks to our God,
Whose steadfast love endures forever.

We lift up our hearts, our prayers and praise to God,
Whose steadfast love endures forever.

We reflect and ponder the word and wisdom of God,
Whose steadfast love endures forever.

We join together as followers of Jesus Christ,
Whose 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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
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 sins of the world:
have mercy on us; have mercy on us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, 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.**

Composer: Fr. Manoling Francisco

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

By Ven Moses Thabethe

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison**

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison
Christe eleison**

**Kyrie 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.

**God of Everlasting Love,
we confess that we are short-tempered and short-sighted.**



**We do not have patience for those who cry out for justice because we are focused on ourselves.
 We do not perceive how our lives are connected to others when all we notice are our own troubles.
 We fail to remember that our days are short, but You are the one who reigns forever.
 You remind us time and again that we are connected to each other.
 You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 You call us into Your work of justice and reparation.
 God, hold us accountable.
 Remind us when we are focused only on ourselves instead of the world You called us to participate in.
 Keep us to Your ways of love, justice, and mercy. 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

**God of compassion and grace,
 Your concern for widows and strangers is from old:
 Stand among us in Christ and give us generous hearts
 To care for those whom the world passes by
 With boldness and joy;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 One God, now and for ever. Amen.**



The Word of God

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17
 Psalm 127
 Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
 Lord your words are spirit and life
 You have the words of lasting life
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Mark 12: 38-44



The Sermon

by The Revd Sharmain James

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

Everlasting God, open our eyes, that we might see you. Open our ears, that we may hear you. Open our mouths, that we might speak your praise.

Holy God, we pray for your church throughout the world, for sceptics and believers, for clergy high and low. For all those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews, for all who search for life. We pray for the stillness to listen to the voice of the Spirit, to recognise what you have already done for us and to give you our endless thanks.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for creation and our planet:

Creator God you gave to us the care of our planet and yet all that we seem to do is spoil it. We pollute the atmosphere in our striving for worldly goods, we endanger the lives of your animal kingdom in our constant desire for farmland and cash crops and we bring death and destruction in senseless wars and acts of terrorism. We pray for a time when common sense rules and we all learn once again to be good stewards of your wonderful creation.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our leaders and those who protect us:

Father God in this troubled world with so much uncertainty, we need more than ever the humility to accept how inadequate we are without your guidance, and we pray to you for wisdom, faith and hope. We pray for those who lead us, Clergy, Politicians, and Educators: for the Defence Force and Police Services who guard us. Please grant them good judgement and integrity as they face the many problems of modern life, not least the ongoing Pandemic.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.



We pray for the sick and for those who suffer:

Loving God, we raise before you the sick and the suffering in our Parish Community of St Michael's and those beyond and ask that especially in these difficult times, we may honour you and encourage others by our prayers for those who are suffering today. May your love be the key that releases us from suffering and fear.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our youth and children:

Lord we bring before you our children and young people, their families, and friends. We pray that you would keep them safe. We pray for inspiration, peace and calm for our matriculants who write their exams. God of wisdom, may you guide all those responsible for the education of our children and young people.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

For the faithfully departed:

Gracious God, you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death; so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you..

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father: accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering / Donations

Generous God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love which has inspired so many lives to give generously, too.

Bless the gifts we bring, and bless our lives so that our discipleship will also be marked by generosity of heart and hands that witnesses to your love, through Jesus Christ's our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which 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.**

Composed by Joseph Lees – Pipel C

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of compassion and love,
we give you thanks and praise,
Steadfast Spirit,
we thank you that you breathe into us new life when we are downtrodden.
You lift up our hearts when the world crushes us down.
You guide us into Your ways of peace when the violence and heartbreak is unbearable
You refresh and restore us, Holy One,
for there is so much that drains us.



Christ our loving Shepherd,
You remind us that renewal and rest are holy acts,
and You have called us into the holy work of love in this world.
In the growing light,
may Your Spirit raise us and encourage us as the flowers bloom and birds sing,
for You are the one who births all things in renewal.
In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.
Therefore go out into the world
and love the Lord your God
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,
and love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;
May Christ Jesus set you free for love;
and may the Holy Spirit go where you go
and protect you on your way.

And the blessing of God almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with 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 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use**





every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Author: Frances Ridley Havergal (1874)



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