



A Liturgy of the Word Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

*Author: William Williams, (1717-1791),
Translated by Peter Williams, (1723-1796)*

Opening Prayer

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.



Show us the way to perfect sacrifice and praise.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

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.

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.



The 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

Kyrie Eleison – Vineyard Worship Video

The Penitence

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.



The 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

Generous God
You endow us with gifts for the good of creation:
make us trustworthy in all things,
that we may share with Christ
the work of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen



The Word of God

Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The 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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Sermon

by Rev. Allie Josseph

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

God of generosity and love, we bring before you our prayers and petitions.

We pray for the church in this place and around the world, facing so many new challenges to respond to so many enduring needs. We pray in particular for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of Southern Africa. Make your church a place of welcome and make us strong in faith and enable us to nurture new ministries.

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

We pray for peace in the world and a sense of unity and generosity that only you can give Lord. That amidst all the turmoil and strife we may experience the peace of knowing that our lives are in the hands of a loving God.

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

We continue to pray for teachers and learners, for parents and guardians. That throughout this time of exams you may be their ready source of guidance and inspiration. May we understand education as you teach it, and may your kingdom come in the hearts of our children and young people. Renew within us all, a spirit of generosity and see us through this difficult time.

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

Lord for so many of us who have been left lost and confused in these very uncertain and difficult times. Shine the light of your divine providence into our lives. Enlighten the minds and hearts of those who are facing difficult decisions throughout this time. So, we may be able to see and do your will.

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

Loving God bring healing and justice wherever harm is caused. Provide for all who are oppressed. Be with world leaders and humanitarian organisations, that we may all become ambassadors of your generosity and love.

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

Eternal God, we thank you for those who have gone ahead of us and showed us some measure of your eternal love. Keep us always in communion with you, and with your people from every time and place. Comfort those who mourn and hold them close to your heart. Be especially with the Duma and Butler families who are mourning the death of their loved ones and all whose year's mind it is this week

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

We make these our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Blessing of Offering

Generous and gracious God,
we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation.
Bless the gifts we offer this day



so they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail,
and for people in all our diversity.
May our gifts touch the need around us
in the name of Christ who makes us one.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giving God, you have graced us with gifts beyond our abilities and empowered us to use them in service to each other.

We thank and praise you Lord

May the gifts we share today be one of the ways we pledge our obedience, shining your light into this world.

We thank and praise you Lord

We are honoured to be the recipients of your generosity; may we reflect your many gifts today and every day. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

God bless each step that you take today, whether that road is rough or smooth.
And in God's strength step out in faith, step out in love, step out in peace,
and bless this world with God's presence in and through your life.

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



The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Author: John Greenleaf Whittier (1872)


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