



A Liturgy of the Word Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

1 O God beyond all praising,
 we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing
 that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder
 at every gift you send,
 at blessings without number
 and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you
 and wait upon your word,
 we honour and adore you,
 our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flower of earthly splendour
 in time must surely die,
 Its fragile bloom surrender
 to you, the Lord most high;
 But hidden from all nature
 the eternal seed is sown
 Though small in mortal stature,
 to heaven's garden grown:
 For Christ the man from heaven
 from death has set us free,
 And we through him are given
 the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
 accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favour
 may serve you as our king;
 and whether our tomorrows
 be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows
 and rise to bless you still:
 to marvel at your beauty
 and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty
 our sacrifice of praise.



Author: Michael A. Perry (1982)

Call to Worship

The God of Wisdom calls us to worship;
in humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

The God of Peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;
in faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.



The God of Past, Present and Future welcomes us into this moment.

in joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

Let us worship God together.

Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

God of love,
your Son invites us, gently but insistently,
to follow him as faithful disciples.
Open our minds to his light,
make us respond to his love
and entrust our whole being to him.
May his kingdom grow in each of us
and in the whole world,
that he may lead us in hope
to the joy you have prepared for us in your home.
We ask you this through Christ our Lord. **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 Ven Moses Thabethe

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| C: Udum' alube | A: KuNkulunkulu |
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| C: Kube nokuthula | A: Ebantwini bonke |
| C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu | A: Nkosi yasezulwini |
| C: Nkulunkulu Baba | A: Baba Somandla |
| C: Siyakubabaza | A: Siyakwazisa |
| C: Siyakuguqela | A: Siyakudumisa |
| C: Siyakubonga | A: Ngenxa yobukhosi |
| C: Yobukhosi | A: Bakh' obukhulu |
| C: Nkosi Jesu Kristu | A: Ndodan' ezelwe yodwa |
| C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu | A: Mvana kaNkulunkulu |
| C: Ndodan' kaNkulunkulu | A: kaNkulunkul' uYise |
| C: Wena osusa | A: Izono zomhlaba |
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C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-amen
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-a-amen
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-amen
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-a-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
Morena, re utlwele bohloko**

**Kriste o re utlwele bohloko
Kriste o re utlwele bohloko**

**Morena, re utlwele bohloko
Morena, re utlwele bohloko**

The Penitence

Let us ask for forgiveness from the Lord for all the times
when our shortcomings kept us from letting the light of Christ shine.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be.
That we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

**Gracious God,
your Son came to bring us good news
And power to transform our lives:
Grant that when he comes again as judge
we may be ready to meet him with 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

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10 (replaces the Psalm)
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25



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

Gospel Reading

Mark 13: 1-8

The Sermon

by The Ven Moses Thabethe



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

Faithful God, whose guiding hand remains over your people, we give you thanks for your church's ministry throughout the world. In our own Diocese, we thank you for calling men and women to serve you as ministers of your word and sacrament. Give abundant blessings and strength to Revds Alison Thabethe, Mooketsi Motsisi, Mandisa Mshuqwana, Kamohelo Kotsi and Lebogang Heys, who were ordained to the priesthood this week. Grant them a vision of justice for a better world and empower them to work towards this in humility and with an attitude of servanthood.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for the world and its leaders; that mercy, justice, understanding, and peace in relationships may abound between nations: that in this time of creating coalition local government structures for the future of our country, there will still be generosity for all in need, employment for those without work and a revival of our struggling economy.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray today for those who face danger and despair in these times:
We remember before you those living with hunger,
communities struggling with the impact of drought, storms and earthquakes,
and all those for whom the pandemic is unrelenting.
We remember people caught up in unrest and violence
and those whose lives are directed by forces beyond their control.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



We pray for all those facing fear or frustration,
wrestling with sorrow or discouragement in any area of their lives:
For those who live with illness or pain...
For those bearing chronic conditions or disability...
For those who know the grief and change of bereavement...
And we pray for all those who work to bring healing and comfort
and agencies which offer support and care to those who suffer:
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of Our Past and Our Future,
God of Healing and Hope,
Help our Community of St Michael's and churches everywhere
as we faithfully gather for worship every week, after months of isolation
to engage each day with faithfulness and creativity.
Where we need correction, show us a new way;
where we need love and encouragement, draw near to us.
Whatever our challenge, stay with us on our journey of faith.
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you
for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for your faithful servants who have gone before us, praying for their families and all whose life is
saddened by the death of loved ones. Be with them in their loneliness that they may know that Jesus Christ is the
light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench
Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, grant the fulfilment of these petitions, and those you have placed on our hearts, in the name of Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for Offering

Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts,
aware of all that we enjoy in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts
and the service we offer in Jesus' name, so that others may share in your
goodness and know of the love we have witnessed
in Christ, our Saviour and 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this liturgy of the word
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience,
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you forever.
Father, we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work for your praise and glory.

(A Prayer Book for Australia)



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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Author: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1961)

Giving

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