



# *A Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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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!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.**

Author: Joachim Neander (1680);

Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863)

## *Call to Worship*

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

**The heavens declare your glory; the arch of the sky displays your handiwork.**

In your love you have given us the power to behold the beauty of your world robed in all its splendour.

**The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills reflect your glory.**

The rivers and lakes, waterfalls and hidden groundwaters reveal your presence.

**The roaring breakers of the seas tell of your awesome might.**

The beasts of the field and the birds of the air speak of your wondrous will.

**In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world. You are in our midst. A divine voice sings through all creation**



## *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 his 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. Amen**

## *The Kyrie*

**Morena re hahuhele**

**Morena re hauhele**





**Kriste re hauhele  
Kriste re hauhele  
Morena re hauhele  
Morena re hauhele**

### *The Penitence*

Let us ask God's forgiveness for the times we have failed to reimagine our relationship to nature, when we have failed to recreate a lifestyle that cares for the environment and resisted the invitation to restore the world to what God intended:

**Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,  
we confess to you that we have sinned.  
We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,  
we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful  
of the resources you entrusted to us.  
Polluted air and water,  
eroded soil and salty earth,  
birds and animals deprived of habitat,  
and neighbours left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:  
all these cry out against us.  
We do not know how to restore what we have damaged,  
and we repent in sorrow and distress.  
Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy.  
Give us grace to change our ways,  
to make amends,  
and to work together for the healing of the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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### *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 creation  
Your eternal power is known through the whole flow of existence  
and in its intricacies and beauty  
your voice speaks to us of your wisdom and purpose.  
Rooted in your love and grace may we with all creation  
speak your glory from everlasting to everlasting,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**





## *The Word of God*

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Allelu—ia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Allelu—ia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak o Lord your servant is listening

You have the words of everlasting life

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Allelu—ia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## *Gospel Reading*

Mark 3:20-35

## *The Sermon*

by Revd Matthew Wright

## *Affirmation of Faith*

*Let us declare our faith in God.*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.  
And we believe in the hope that one day God will put  
an end to death and all destructive forces.**

*(Eco Church South West Resources)*





## *Prayers of Intercession*

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand, they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love, and beauty.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ understood the health and well-being of his people holistically and that true healing and wholeness must be in body, mind and spirit. Create in us an awareness of the importance of emotional and mental well-being and, by your grace, may this be attained in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, today we heard how, in ancient times, your people rejected you in favour of an earthly ruler. Paul, your apostle, also taught us to pray for earthly rulers. We pray therefore for a conviction of political rulers that they would exercise their office on behalf of their people and pursue the ends of justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We continue to pray, Lord, for the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on our country and on the world. As we seek to contain the spread of the virus and roll out vaccines as effectively as possible, we pray for your guidance. We pray for your protection over all medical staff and front-line workers, that lives lost and lives affected through the pandemic would be lessened.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We continue to pray for the community of St Michael's. We thank you for being with us, Lord, even when unable to attend services and enjoy the fellowship we once used to. We pray therefore that in spite of the challenges of corporate worship, you would continue to nourish us and to strengthen our bonds. As a community of believers, help us to remain faithful to you and to one another.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

## *Prayer over the Offering*

God of grace and providence, you shower us with every good gift and for this we thank you. The birds of the air neither sow nor reap and yet you feed them. Indeed, you care for all your creatures. We now give back to you a small measure of what you have blessed us with. We ask you to set this apart for the work of your kingdom and the spreading of your Good News. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



## *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*

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand,  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!  
Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.  
God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love, and beauty  
Praise be to You.

(Pope Francis, Encyclical)

## *The Commissioning & Blessing*

This we know: the earth does not belong to us.  
**The earth is the Lord's and so are all its people**

This we know: we did not weave the web of life.  
**The earth is the Lord's and so is all that breathes on it.**

This we know: we are called to till and work the earth.  
**The earth is the Lord's and so are all who work the land.**

This we know: that we are called to take care of creation.  
**The earth is the Lord's, yet we have polluted and abused it.**





This we know; that whatever befalls the earth.

**Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth**

This we know: that the earth is the Lord's

**And so, we will serve Him in it.**

(Prayer adapted by Bishop Eric Pike)

### *Final Blessing*

May the God who fashioned humankind from the earth sustain and nourish you; may the God who delivered a people from slavery and oppression grant you peace and justice; and may the God who overcame death through the death of his Son, grant you life eternal; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### *Recessional Hymn*

**1 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.**

**4 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.**

**5 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)*

*Organist: Louis Maritz*

*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

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