

A Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday after Pentecost

11 June 2023

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

Processional Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Author: Jan Struther (1931)

Call to Worship

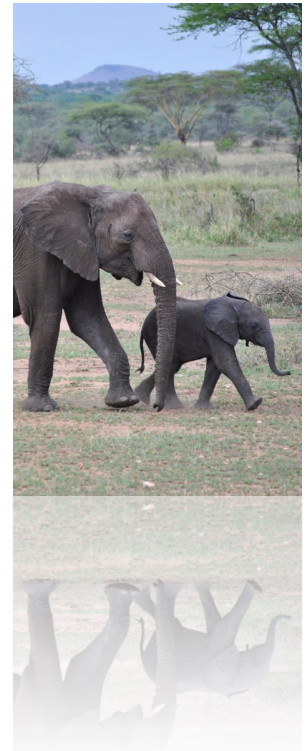
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous:
Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre
Sing to him a new song.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

On this Sunday as we have a special focus on our youth,
we recognise before you, Lord, that they are our future.
Therefore, we commit them into your hands asking
your blessing upon them. May you guide them in your pathways
that their lives would glorify your name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Collect for Purity

**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 Penitence

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
Trusting in God's loving mercy
and willingness to forgive, we confess together:

**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

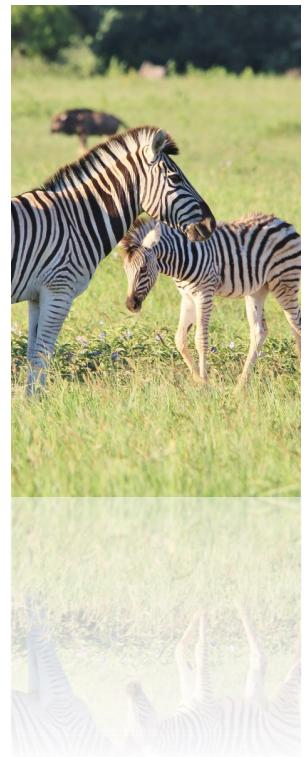
May the God of love and power forgive you and free you
from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

**O God, source of life and Ruler of the Universe,
you call us to share your work of healing:
give us a true sense of the wholeness you offer,
make us worthy of your promises,
and use us in your restoration of creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God in glory everlasting.
Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



The Sermon

The Revd Matthew Wright

Prayers of Intercession

On this Youth Sunday, we pray around areas and issues affecting young people in our homes, communities and throughout our country.

We thank you, Lord, for the relative blessing we receive and experience when compared with so many people of our own age in our country. We thank you for the gift of quality education, we thank you for the provision of our parents, we thank you for the safety and security of our homes. In all these things, may we forever give you praise and thanksgiving and be mindful of those with less.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the gift of parenting. We commit into your hands our parents and thank you for everything they do for us. We know they always seek what is best for us while, at the same time, it is often very difficult to attain this. Thank you for their effort, dedication and unconditional love. Please be with single parents, grandparents are raising grandchildren, and child-headed households. Amidst the struggles and challenges of life, may you grant all those fulfilling parental roles stamina, patience and peace.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our schools and all those called to the field of education. We know how important education is in the growth and development of young people. And so we commit into your hands our schools, our teachers, and all school staff. May you grant our teachers wisdom and encouragement to fulfil their callings to the best of their ability.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray especially for the young people of this parish. We thank you for a Junior Church programme that is well-coordinated. We thank you for the teachers who volunteer to facilitate Junior Church and Teen Church. May our children be blessed through these programmes and may you instil in them the values of your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for our young people at university, whether here or elsewhere. May your hand of protection remain upon them. Grant them diligence and self-discipline to complete their courses to the best of their abilities. We pray for those preparing to leave university and enter the workplace. May you provision jobs for them and open the right doors which will lead to successful careers.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for those of our young people, and all young people, who may feel alienated or alone. We pray for those who have lost parents. We pray for those living in households of limited means. We pray for the burdens faced by young people throughout country. We pray also for those who experience bullying or who are ostracised, especially on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Finally, Lord, we commit into your hands the lives and well-being of all our children. We commit their futures into your hands, praying that you will prosper them physically, mentally, and emotionally. May you grant them an outpouring of your love and compassion, that they would have a very real sense of connectedness with their peers and the world in which they live. And may you call them to be leaders in the world in their future careers.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Accept these our prayers, heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Prayer for Offering

Faithful Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Final Blessing

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

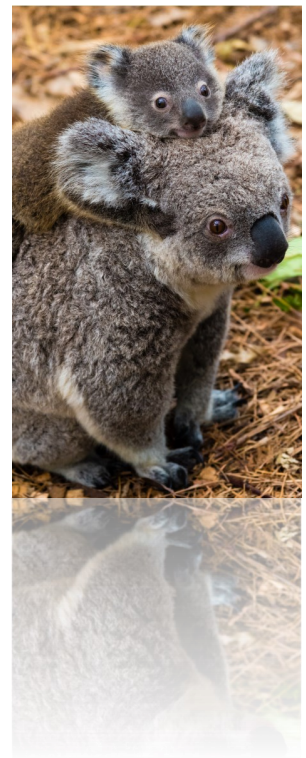
Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**



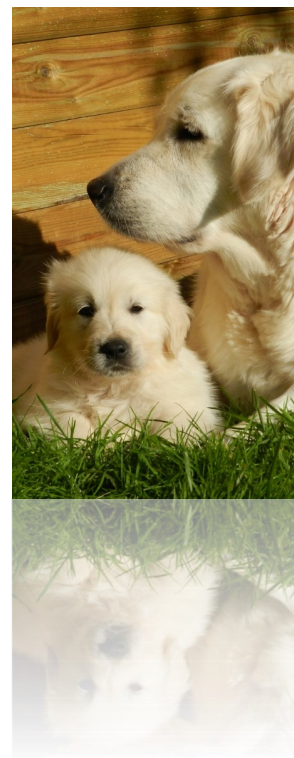
Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have born my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them,
 they turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them,
 my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide,
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them,
 whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.



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