



A Liturgy of the Word - Second Sunday of Easter

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

Processional Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favored sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain,
heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
all who hate him must, confounded,
hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come to judgment, come away!

Now Redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints, by man rejected,
now shall meet him in the air.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly;
alleluia! come, Lord, come.





Call to Worship

Fear was present but subsided –

Christ is Risen!

Doubt was present but subsided –

Christ is Risen!

So, fearless and sure of Christ's risen presence –

We draw near to God in worship.

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

Tlotlo le be ho Molimo

Ea busang maholimong

Khotso e be teng lefatsheng

Ho batho ba lokileng

Re u boka ka thabo

Re phehella thorisong

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela

Ka tumelo e phelang

A re rosiseng Molimo

Tebohong e sa feleng

U mohloli e moholo

Ea busang maholimong

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Jesu mora oa Molimo

U konyana e tlosang

Libe tsa lefatshe lohle

Re batla ho u rata

U re hauhele bohle

Ba llang mona lefatsheng

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!





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

**Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba**

**Krestu yiba nenceba
Krestu yiba nenceba
Krestu yiba nenceba**

**Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba**

The Penitence

Gracious God, today in scripture we were reminded that if we say we have no sin, we are not being truthful with ourselves. So, in silence we reflect on our sin and seek Your forgiveness...

Let us 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

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
goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





The Collect

**God of mission,
you raised Jesus Christ as the first born of
the dead:
by your Holy Spirit, empower us to
witness to him
so that those who have not yet seen
may come to believe in him who was and
is and is to come,
and who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen**

The Word of God

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle—luia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu—ia (Solo)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle—luia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu—ia x2
Speak o Lord your servant is listening
You have the words of everlasting life
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle—luia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu—ia x2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle—luia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu—ia (Solo)

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

The Sermon

Revd Margaret Place

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God in the words of the Apostle's Creed:
I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.





I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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

Almighty God and Lord of resurrection, we give you praise that the wounds of your Son bring us healing and salvation. We come to you today with our own wounds and scars. Help us not be ashamed of these but to give them over to you, that they too would become gateways to transformation and new life.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God, at her darkest hour, in the absence of her Lord and in the face of the dark tomb, Mary encountered you, as her risen Saviour. We ask you, Lord, to be with all who mourn and grieve, with those for whom the cares of the world have become too much, and with those plagued by sorrow. Meet these, your children, in their hour of need and show them the pathway to life and light.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Gracious Lord, your resurrection not only brings us new life, but teaches us that great good can indeed arise out of adverse and desperate situations. Teach us Lord, as people of the resurrection, to find the positive in all situations, events and people, that we would be bearers of your Good News and heralds of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We see, heavenly Father, the love, care and compassion expressed among the believers of the Acts community. Grant us, we pray Lord, compassionate, caring and generous hearts, that we would have genuine concern for the well-being of our neighbour. Help us too to sacrifice materially, not just for the needs of the Church, but for our fellow brother and sister.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we are so frequently bombarded with negative information and news. Unknowingly, we become cynical, suspicious and untrusting. Like Thomas, we pray for encounters with you which would strengthen our faith. Restore and sustain our trust not only in you, Lord, but in one other and humankind at large.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer



Lord God, we pray finally for your Church. In this Eastertide, and as the Body of your Son, may the Church live to proclaim your healing and salvation. We, that if nowhere else, the reality of your Kingdom would be reflected in the Church. We pray that you strengthen and inspire each member of this Body, especially all lay people, clergy and bishops – equip these your saints for the proclamation of your Good News.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We make these prayers, heavenly Father, through the one, risen Lord, even Christ your Son. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. In the name of Christ. **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

From the high excitement and marvel of Easter Day last week, we humbly approach You and worship You now, seven days on.

Death could not contain nor hold down Jesus Christ.

So, this Sunday, and indeed every moment of every day, we offer You thanks for Christ's risen presence.

What was true that first Easter Sunday, had started, for some, to sink in seven days later.

We can only marvel at the rollercoaster ride of emotions experienced by those first disciples.

We offer thanks for the faithfulness of all those who passed on that gospel message.

Living God

for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

for the struggles and commitment of the apostles,

for those who passed on the faith

generation after generation,

we offer You our thanks and praise through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

On that first Easter evening Christ spoke and said,
"Peace be with you."

On the next Sunday evening, with Thomas present also,
Christ spoke and said
"Peace be with you. "Words for those Sundays and
words for today "Peace be with you."

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you,
Now and forever more. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

They with a faith forever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful servants true.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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