



A Liturgy of the Word 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

**New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we need to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.**

Author: John Keble (1822)

Call to Worship

O God you do not judge by outward appearance:
For you look upon the heart and know our inward thoughts

The Lord will help his anointed:
He will answer from his holy heaven

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses:
But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God





Thanks be to God who makes all things new:
If anyone is in Christ, they are a new 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

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| Udumo ku Nkulunkulu | kweziphezulu, |
| Kub 'uxolo Emhlabeni | kubantu, |
| Nkosi Nkulunkulu ngqongqoshe wase zulwini, | |
| Nkulunkulu, Yise, | Somandla. |
| Siyakhuleka | Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga, |
| Sikudumisa | sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho. |
| Siyakhuleka | Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga, |
| Sikudumisa | sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho. |

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

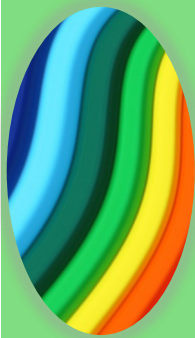
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| Nkosi uJesu Kristo, Ndoda | na ezelwe nguye, |
| Nkosi Nkulunkulu, | Mvana ka Nkulunkulu. |
| Wena osus' izono | zomhlaba |
| ake uu-siha | wukele. |
| Weno 'hlezi | Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo, |
| Yamukela | Yamukela ukucela kwethu. |
| Weno 'hlezi | Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo, |
| Yamukela | Yamukela ukucela kwethu. |

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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| Ngoba nguwe wedwa | owecwebileyo, |
| Nguwe wedwa | oyi Nkosi. |
| Nguwe wedwa, | onguPhezukonke, |
| Jesu Kristo, | Jesu Kristo. |
| Ukanye | Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo, |
| Ebukhosini | Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise. |
| Ukanye | Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo, |
| Ebukhosini | Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise. |

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(sung by Ven Moses Thabethe)





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

**Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy
Christe eleison Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy**

(Latin recording by Richard Cootes www.richardcootes.com)

The Penitence

*Lord God, you are not pleased with burnt offerings and sacrifices.
Yet a broken and contrite heart, you do not despise. 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 in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

**Creator God,
through your Son
you have planted the seeds of the Kingdom in us:**





grant us grace, not to live for ourselves alone,
and faith to labour for the harvest of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God in glory everlasting. Amen

The Word of God

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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 4:26-34

The Sermon

by Revd Margaret Place

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
Who journeys with us through life,
And leads us to new beginnings!**

**We believe in the God of Moses,
Who frees us from oppression and
Guides us through desert, wilderness and sin
To the Promised Land!**

**We believe in the God of the prophets,
Who asks for justice in our land,
And cares for the poor!**

We believe in Jesus Christ,





who brought the Gospel to us,
who celebrated God's unconditional love
for everyone!

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who forms and molds us into God's image,
Who sends us out to serve God and people,
Who leads us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious Father, many centuries ago you chose your servant David and anointed him as king over your people. We know that you are a faithful God, whose guiding hand remains over his people. We pray therefore that you would raise up in our own time, Godfearing leaders, both in the Church and in our society, to lead your people faithfully. 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**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to raise up workers for your kingdom. Your word says that we need only to scatter the seed and that the growth of your kingdom will happen naturally. We pray therefore that you would create in the hearts and minds of your people a willing spirit and a readiness to answer your call even in these difficult times. Thank-you, Lord, for all your servants who work toward the building of your kingdom. May they know the peace and contentment that comes from the knowledge of doing your will.

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

Lord God, your word tells us that you do not judge by outward appearance. In our society, where so much is dictated by outward appearance, we ask that you give us eyes to see into the heart of things. Help us, Lord, not to be swayed by the hollow promises of commercialism. Help us too, see every individual as you see them and so to value the inherent dignity in everyone. May our lives not be driven by the need to impress outwardly. Instead, help us to cultivate an inward spirit of humility and faithfulness.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you likened the kingdom to a mustard seed which, though the smallest of all seeds, grows into a great shrub providing shelter for the birds of the air. We pray for the growth of your kingdom among us, Lord. Help us to realise that your kingdom can only be built through us. Grant us an openness to finding and working towards its growth in unlikely places and may it continue to provide a haven for all your children.

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

God of the poor, and poor in spirit: we hold up before you the vast multitude pushed to the margins of our society: those pushed to margins of financial well-being, to the margins of emotional and mental well-being, to the margins of social acceptance. Help these your people, Lord. May you meet them in their despair and may you put to flight the dejection and isolation they are experiencing. Instil in its place, a sense of hope and purpose so that they may move on from their current circumstances to a better place.

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

Heavenly Father, we continue to bring before you all who are bereaved and grieving. Help them to place their hope in you and, in this unprecedented time of loss, we ask that the care and comfort of your Holy Spirit would be made present to these your children. In spite of the pain and sadness, we ask, Lord, that we would not lose hope nor our faith in your promise to always love and protect us.

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

Lord of hosts, you are a faithful God who hears the cries of his children: 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

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us and ask you to bless it for the work of your kingdom. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

We give thanks this day.



Final Blessing

Do not forget, beloved, even in the face of calamity and turmoil, that we worship the God hope. The God who brought Christ back from the dead when seemingly all hope was lost. Continue to place your trust in God. And now, may the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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 forever more!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1962)

Giving

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