



A Liturgy of the Word Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

6 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

St John Henry Newman

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Let us pray.

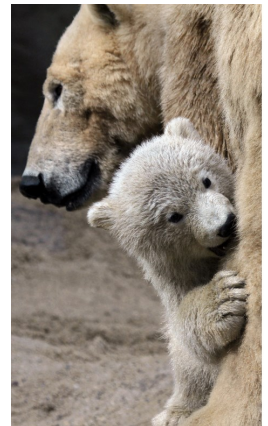
We thank you, O God, that you have brought us together to praise you
for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Sung : by:Ven. Moses Thabethe

Udumo ku Nkulunkulu
Kub 'uxolo Emhlabeni
Nkosi Nkulunkulu
Nkulunkulu, Yise,

kweziphezulu,
kubantu,
ngqongqoshe wase zulwini,
Somandla.





**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. 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

**O God of freedom and love,
you have set us free in Jesus Christ:
make us servants of the gospel
for the sake of your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

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

Luke 9: 51-62





The Sermon

Rev Margaret Place

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we say,

**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 power of 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 again
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

We pray in confidence knowing that we bring our prayers to a merciful and everlasting God. We pray today for your blessing to be upon this congregation of St Michael's, upon this Diocese, and our sister churches across the world. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Eternal God, Light of the nations, in Christ you make all things new: guide our nation during these times of political turmoil. Give us grace to rebuild bonds of trust that together we may work for the dignity and flourishing of all people through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for political leaders and activists and for all those who are working to shape our society. Let them be guided by the example of Jesus putting understanding and compassion ahead of self-interest and material gain and working for a better world.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we pray for the young people in our families and communities. May they grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. Give them courage and resilience as they face changes in their lives and help them to see opportunities in all the challenges that stretch out before them.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are sick at this time; your strength to be felt by those who are tired; your wisdom and your love to encourage those who live with despair and fear. We think of the people we know who are suffering in mind or body and offer our personal prayers for them.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God, through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing, help them to draw comfort from the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of our church family.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God may your presence be seen clearly in everything we do and say each day throughout the coming week. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in us and through us as we follow where you lead us.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Prayer for Offering

God of beauty and bounty: we offer these gifts as tokens of our dedication and gratitude to you, God and Father of all. Where they are able, may they enrich the lives of those in need and may they empower the work of ministry for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

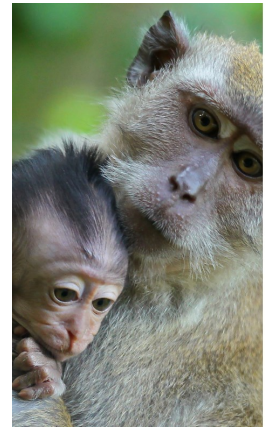
But deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom

And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for this sacred time and space. Although we are apart, we are grateful for the opportunity to be joined with our brothers and sisters in worship. Above all, we give thanks for the opportunity to spend time in your presence. As we draw to a close, may you're abiding peace remain in us throughout the week, and may we be guided by you will and your wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith;

May you be rooted and grounded in love;

May you grasp the full breadth and length
and height and depth of the love of Christ;

May you know that love, that surpasses knowledge

May you be filled with all the fulness of God

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 forth into the world,

To love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



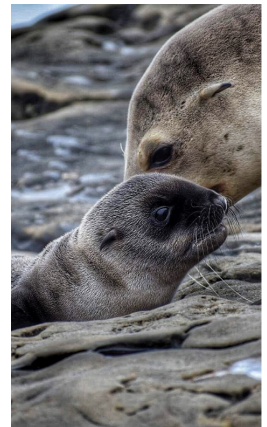
Recessional Hymn

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Author: James Edmeston (1821)



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