



A Liturgy of the Word Third Sunday of Easter

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

Processional Hymn

**1 O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood
so freely shed for me:**

**2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:**

**3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within:**

**4 A heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect and right and pure and good —
a copy, Lord, of thine.**

**5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new best name of Love.**



Introductory Rite

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.

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again 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

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!

The Kyrie

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi his tsetselele

Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele
Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi his tsetselele

The Penitence

*Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.*

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,**





**and direct what we shall be.
That we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

**Merciful God
whose love will not let us go:
restore in us the power of our calling
that we may boldly fulfil the tasks you set before us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
is worthy of blessing and honour,
glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Acts 9: 1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5: 11-14

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

John 21: 1-19

The Sermon

Sermon: Revd Alison Thabethe





Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess 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

God our loving Creator, you know us better than we do our dependence on you in our lives. Grant your Church humility, wisdom and insight to respond to the needs of world and your people, particularly in those parts of the world where your church suffers persecution, war and strife.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who have recently become members of God's church through baptism that they may grow in faith and be strengthened day by day in the service of Christ.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of nations and all in authority that they may use their skills and the power entrusted to them responsibly and for the good of all people, to end war and promote peace and justice for all.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all the people we meet in our daily lives that we may recognise and serve Christ in each other and hear God speaking in the voice of friends and strangers.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we celebrate Workers Day in our country today, we pray for all those whose spirit is crushed by unemployment, homelessness and a sense of failure that they may know our Lord's provision for all humanity. We continue to pray for fair employment standards and better working conditions for workers that they may enjoy the dignity of labour.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving God, you reached out to Simon Peter in his guilt and shame and chose him to be a shepherd of your flock. With faith in your compassion and mercy we commit ourselves and those for whom we have prayed into your care. We ask that our lives may be renewed and directed by your loving wisdom so that we may follow Christ, not in our own strength but by your grace and blessing.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer



Lord our God, help us to know you as the One who raises us from death, as you raised your Son, our Saviour. We pray that you would enfold those whom you have called in your eternal kingdom and that they may enjoy eternal rest in you.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Gracious God, grant our requests as may be best for us, in the name of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of love, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness enjoyed by those in need. Bless our lives that, through our relationships, others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

The 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 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

**Almighty God, father of all mercies
Here, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For you are good and full of lovingkindness
Pouring out your love to us and all whom you have made
We bless you, Lord, for our creation, preservation
And the blessings of this life
But most of all for your immeasurable love
The redemption of the world by Jesus Christ
For the means of grace and the hope of glory**

And give us such awareness of your mercies
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise
Not only with our lips but in our whole lives
Giving up ourselves to serve you, walking in your ways
In holiness and righteousness all of our days
And now, through Jesus Christ our Lord
To whom, with you and with the Holy Spirit raise
All the honour and the praise for evermore **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,
rejoicing in the power of our risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional Hymn

**1. Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

**3. No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan**

**2. Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.**




Author: Edmond Budry (1904)

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