



A Liturgy of the Word Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

**1 He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name**

**2 He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high**

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Artist: Maranatha! Praise Band

Call to Worship

We gather today as your people, God.
**Young and old; rule-followers and rule-breakers;
liberals and conservatives; and every distinction in between.**

We gather today as your beloved.
**We are a people who are tempted;
who are wilderness wanderers; who trust in you.**

We gather today as children of the covenant.
We offer this time of worship to you, O God.

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

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father x2
To God be glory forever x2
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen. Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father x2
To God be glory forever x2
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen. Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit x2
To God be glory forever x2
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen. Alleluia Amen

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleans 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

1 Empty broken here I stand,
Kyrie eleison.
Touch me with your healing hand,
Kyrie eleison.
Take my arrogance and pride,
Kyrie eleison.
Wash me in your mercy's tide,
Kyrie eleison

1 Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

3 When my heart is cold as ice,
Kyrie eleison.
Your love speaks of sacrifice,
Kyrie eleison.
Love that sets the captive free,
Kyrie eleison.
Oh pour compassion down on me.
Kyrie eleison.

3 Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

2 When my faith has all but gone,
Kyrie eleison,
Give me strength to carry on,
Kyrie eleison.
When my dreams have turned to dust,
Kyrie eleison.
In you, Oh Lord, I put my trust
Kyrie eleison

2 Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

4 You're the voice that calms my fears,
Kyrie eleison.
You're the laughter, dries my tears,
Kyrie eleison.
You're my music, my refrain,
Kyrie eleison.
Help me sing your song again.
Kyrie eleison.

4 Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.





Humble heart of holiness,
Kyrie eleison.
Kiss me with your tenderness,
Kyrie eleison.
Jesus, faithful friend and true,
Kyrie eleison.
All I am I give to you.
Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

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Call to Confession

As we approach this time of confession, we remember that there are many sins we commit collectively that seek to pull us apart from one another. So we begin our time of confession naming those things that seek to break apart the body of Christ:

We sin by dividing ourselves into groups: the haves and the have-nots, the best and the worst, winners and losers, the popular and shunned. Forgive us for **division**.

We sin by excluding those who are different from us: by how they look, what they wear, how they behave, how they talk, and where they are from. Forgive us for **exclusiveness**.

We sin by isolating ourselves from the outside world. We ignore injustice. We pretend tragedies do not exist so we do not have to feel obligated to help. Forgive us for **isolation**.

We sin by putting up walls. We keep out the things that make us uncomfortable even if it's at the expense of others. We block out the things we don't understand without seeking to hear a different perspective from our own. Forgive us for putting up **walls**.

We sin through hate. We choose not to love our neighbours. We see the worst in others. We stereotype. We mock. We insult. We generalize. We do not give the benefit of the doubt. We hurt others. Forgive us for our **hate**.

As we reflect on the sins of the world, let us all confess our own sins before God as we pray the Prayer of Confession. Let us pray

The Penitence

**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

The good news of the gospel is that everything we have done wrong is forgiven by the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Through God's grace any divisions can stop and togetherness can happen.

Through God's acceptance of us, God can show us that being **inclusive** of all God's people—even though we differ—is the way.

Through God's friendship, we are never are alone. And we are called to build community with one another.

Because Christ died for all, walls can be brought down and turned into bridges.

Through the cross, Christ shows us how to turn hate into love.

Believe the Good News—in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen**

The Collect

**God of love and life,
we thank you for your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ
who set a model for us by humbly submitting himself to your will. Help our youth to use their creativity, wisdom and strength
to serve you by serving humanity.
Enable us all to lead a Christ-centred and justice-oriented life, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word of God

1 Samuel 17: 1a, 3-4, 8-11, 16-49

Psalm 9: 9-20

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

**1 In heavenly armour we'll enter the land
The battle belongs to the Lord
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand
The battle belongs to the Lord**

**We sing glory and honour
Power and strength to the Lord
(repeat)**

**3 When your enemy presses in hard do not fear
The battle belongs to the Lord
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near
The battle belongs to the Lord**

**2 The power of darkness comes in like a flood
The battle belongs to the Lord
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood
The battle belong to the Lord**

Artist: Maranatha! Promise Band



Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

The Sermon

by Revd Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**I believe in the creator God,
who promised to know me from my mother's womb
and still remembers the covenant that was made in the days
of youth and established an everlasting covenant.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ the only begotten son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of Young Mary,
who sang the liberating song to raise the lowly ones.
He began his ministry in his youthful time
choosing to establish the mission of God on earth.
For which He suffered under the structural power of
Pontius Pilate, was crucified with blames,
died a shameful death on the cross, and was buried.**

**He descended into the dead but death could not hold him
and He rose on the third day.
He ascended into heaven
handing over us the responsibility to continue the mission of God.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and courage,
the Holy Universal Church
established in the communion of saints of the old
and the visionaries of the young
and God's faithfulness will provide a way
to set an example in the days of youth
to be imitators of Jesus Christ now and always. Amen.**

(Church of South India)

Prayers of Intercession

Today, being both Father's Day and Youth Sunday, we focus particularly in our prayers on the role of men and fathers in the shaping and moulding of our youth.

As a country that has suffered much violence and oppression and one in which we continue to suffer violence at the hands of our men, we come to you, Lord, asking for your intervention, asking for your grace, asking that you would change and transform the prevalent mindset in our society which normalises the abuse of our women and children.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer



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Heavenly Father, we know that when people act violently and maliciously, they often do so from a place of their own pain and brokenness. We therefore commit the men of our country and community into your hands, asking that you grant them healing. We pray, Lord, for a greater awareness of the need for such healing. Help us too to set up the means and mechanisms within our communities by which this healing may be attained.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, growing up as a child, you did not have a biological father and yet you knew the love and care which Joseph offered. In a society where our fathers are so often absent, we pray for your hand of blessing and protection upon single-parent and child-headed households. Help us to work towards the safeguarding and protection of the vulnerable in our society. We pray for a greater awareness and urgency to establish proper social protection mechanisms which will assist those in need.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Help us Lord, as a people to work towards a society in which fathers are not only present but in which they bring the life, health and protection that you desire them bring to their families and those closest to them. We pray Lord, that you would foster in all fathers and in all men a desire to care for those close to them and to ensure their well-being.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of mercy, in a country with one of the widest income gaps in the world and in which the majority of our young people have poor prospect of employment, we ask that you would be present to them. Save them from falling into despair and from turning to destructive habits. May you renew in them a sense of hope. We pray for the economy of our country and for the creation of meaningful employment opportunities and thereby a better future for our young people.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we remember our young people, we pray too for all educators and places of learning. Lord, we know how integral a sound education is to the future and betterment of our youth. We give you thanks for all educators and the often-thankless jobs they perform. We ask that you would renew their sense of calling to the field of education, that you would reinstate a sense of pride in their vocation. We pray for the adequate and proper allocation of resources to all our schools, colleges and universities.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Finally, Lord, we give you thanks firstly for our youth. In any society, we know that its young people are the promise of a better future. Help us to safeguard the rights and liberties of our youth that this future would not be compromised. We thank you Lord, too for all fathers, father-figures and those fulfilling the parental roles of fathers within our community. We pray that you would encourage and inspire them to serve, protect and care for, those closest to them.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of hosts, you are a faithful God who hears the cries of your 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

Thank you, Lord, for allowing our congregation to come together and in person, to give our time and dedication to those who are in need. Bless the gifts we have just received. Allow our youth opportunities to contribute and serve those in our community and beyond. We pray that these gifts can feed the hungry and strengthen the weak. And may we offer our whole selves for the work of God's kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer - An Adaptation for Our Times (video)

By The Many

Written by Lenora Rand and read by Darren Calhoun.

Prayer of Commitment

**Almighty God our heavenly father,
we your children come before you to commit ourselves
to work with you in this world.
We commit ourselves to be your partners in this world
to complete your task in this world.
We commit our lives towards Justice, Peace and Reconciliation
so that our societies and families
would become a better place through our commitment.
We commit our lives to be your witnesses
through our thoughts, words and deeds.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
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

**1 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take.
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
That all the world His worthy praise may sing.**





2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call.
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of His Word?

5 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your lord supplies.
Go till all nations His great name adore,
And serve Him- Lord and King forevermore.

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