

A Liturgy of the Word Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: 25 June 2023

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

Processional Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Author: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)



Call to Worship

The Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts
God wants to enjoy intimate fellowship with us.

Oh Lord, help us to develop everlasting relationships with You.
We receive you into our hearts today.

Lord, we wish to enjoy fellowship with You.
Holy Spirit, help us to experience God's presence.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Introductory Rite

Heavenly Father, your Word says that you have numbered the hairs on our head.
 You provide for us and care for us and, thus, we have no need to fear
 any earthly power. By your Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth;
 and, as we relinquish that which is futile and meaningless,
 help us to find our true lives in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect for Purity

**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 Penitence

We know that our old self was crucified with Christ in order
 that the body of sin might be brought to nothing,
 so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
 For one who has died has been set free from sin.
 Now if we have died with Christ,
 we believe that we will also live with him.

Trusting in God's redemptive and live-giving grace,
 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

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
you tell us not to be afraid:
challenge us to abandon ourselves,
encourage us to risk the sacrifice
that we may find the abundant life you promise;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
in the unity of the blessed Trinity,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

The Word of God

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

The Sermon

The Revd Dave Edwards

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**



born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Let us now intercede on behalf of our brothers and sisters, and on behalf of the world for which Christ died, together with the universal Church:

Gracious Father, in Hagar and Ishmael, you show your love and care as you provide for the slave and the fugitive. In our increasingly fractured world, where the number of refugees, as well as human trafficking, is on the rise, we ask for your heavenly intervention. Provision and inspire aid agencies, advocacy groups and governments to work together for the more just treatment of migrants. We pray too for the collective revisioning of a system which has led to such injustice and inequality.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for the world and its people. We pray for all affected by war, for the tens of thousands who have been displaced in Darfur and by the wider conflict in Sudan. We pray too for all who continue to be affected by the conflict in Ukraine. We pray for those affected and displaced by natural disaster. We pray for the vast multitude of people suffering from food shortages in the Horn of Africa, as well as for those in the Western Cape who have been affected by recent flooding.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for the Worldwide Church. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Thabo, our own Archbishop, and for Steve, our Bishop. We pray for our sister Churches, the Roman Catholic Church and those within the Orthodox tradition, and for all faiths which seek to promote peace and well-being in the world. We ask that you would unite people of faith to witness to your goodness and love, and thereby also to a better world.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for our own country and its leaders. We pray that those appointed to lead our country would do so in the best interests of all who live in it. As we find ourselves subject to overarching international policies and tense diplomatic relations, as well as fluctuations in the market and in the strength of our currency, we ask you to be with those most adversely affected. Call more of our citizens, whether in corporate, public, or non-governmental sectors, to work towards alleviating the plight of the most vulnerable in our land.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Lord, we give you great thanks for the parish of St Michael's. We thank you that it is a beacon of hope and a sanctuary of solitude and love in the bustling community of Bryanston. In this our 70th year of ministry, may you continue to provision us with human and material resources, that we would carry out our mandate to be a blessing to all members of our community. We pray for the appointment of a new rector, trusting that you will provide the right person for this parish.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

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Finally, we pray for ourselves and our loved ones. Many are the challenges which we face on a daily basis. We thank you for the support structures of our family and friends, and of our Church community. Oftentimes, we are not aware of the challenges others are facing, and so we ask for wisdom, patience and compassion. Help us to be a shoulder to lean on or cry on for those who are in need. And, even as we continue to face our own challenges, grant us the grace and strength to endure.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

May you accept these prayers, heavenly Father, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. **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. 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 in heaven
 hallowed be your Name
 your kingdom come
 your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 And deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen**



Final Hymn

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
 Let the earth hear his voice!
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
 and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

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**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]**

Author: Fanny Crosby (1875)

Final Blessing

May God bless us,
our God, who called the world into being,
who breathed us into life,
who provides us with new strength.
May God bless us,
our God, whose love does not know borders nor walls,
whose justice will come.
Our God, who casts down the mighty from their thrones
and lifts up the lowly.
May God bless us,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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