



# A Liturgy of the Word Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

## Processional Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

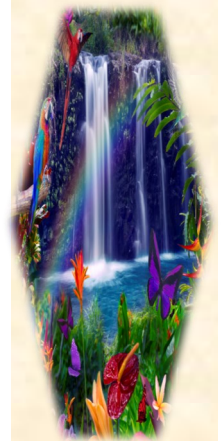
And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Author: H. W. Baker (1868)

## Call to Worship

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.  
**His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.**

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.  
**Our hearts rejoice, as we place our trust in the Good Shepherd.**





Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

**Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise!**

### *Introductory Rite*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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*

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!***

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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.

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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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## *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;**

## *The Kyrie*

**Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele  
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele**

**Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele  
Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele**

**Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele  
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele**

## *The Penitence*

We are often not the Easter People that we should be, living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love. Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice or hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path. So, in silence we reflect on our sin and seek Your forgiveness...  
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*

Good shepherd,  
you reveal your love for all and call them by name  
grant that all who hear your voice  
may follow where you lead;  
for you live and reign  
in the unity of the Blessed Trinity,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## *The Word of God*

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

## *Gradual Hymn*

He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in deaths dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnish'd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.



*Music by James L, Macbeth Bain (1890)  
(Sung by Ven. Moses Thabethe)*



## Gospel Reading

John 10: 11-18

## The Sermon

Ven Moses Thabethe

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**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 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 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 from whom we receive every good gift, we gather in worship to give you thanks and praise, to know that you are God and to place our lives anew into your care and keeping. Enlarge our vision and help us to see what you envision for us; hold up before us the vision of your kingdom, a kingdom of justice and mercy, truth, and compassion. Help us to grasp the meaning of the Gospel you entrusted to us and give us grace to live by it.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own Church, for the progress of Christ's mission here at St Michael's, that we may seek your guidance and help in the tasks to which you called us. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that our services of worship may be experiences of grace and mercy welcoming and celebrating the gift of faith in each of our members. Feed us in your word and sacrament and accompany us on our journey of faith.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for the leaders of our church here and everywhere in the world. That they may be renewed and refreshed moving forward in faith, hope and charity. We pray for our archbishop Thabo, our diocesan bishop Steve, the clergy, and all lay leaders. May they be nourished by your word and emboldened by your spirit to act on





behalf of all whom they are charged to lead. May your hand of protection and inspiration be upon our spiritual leaders Lord.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for a world in which humanity seems to fail so often. We pray for government ministers in every nation. We pray that those who lead and take on great responsibilities may not simply wish to seem great in the eyes of others but may genuinely serve their people. Help them to search for and find policies and strategies which will be for the good of all, especially for the weakest and most vulnerable. We bring before you in a special way the political leaders in our own country and leaders everywhere. May your hand guide and direct them.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for the victims of war and violence among individuals and nations. We pray for all people who suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war. We pray for a renewed value of peace and the respect for human life. Lead us along the path that leads to peace and harmony.

Hear our prayer and grant us insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the willingness to share, to war with peace.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for people who are frightened because they or their family members and friends are ill. Reassure them with your healing presence among them in their hour of need. We bring before you our front-line workers. Medical and other first responders. Bless those who are responsible for the planning and implementation of the covid 19 vaccine program. May your divine providence bring us all to a place of health, safety and peace.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, during these days when we celebrate your son's resurrection grant unto our faithful departed rest and peace in your kingdom. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen**

### *Prayer over the Offerings*

Living God

accept these offerings we bring to You  
from our hearts and hands.

Grant that they may go where we can't go,  
that they may reach where we cannot reach,  
that they may do what we cannot do.

Use them to strengthen Your Church  
and advance Your kingdom

here where we are and far beyond

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**



## *The 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*

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for the gift of life – for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the life-giving love of family and friends.

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see, for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings. We thank you for the communities to which we belong: for families, for friends, for neighbours and for companions at work.

We thank you for the strangers who welcome us into their lives and whom we invite to be part of ours. We thank you for our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, all nations and all faiths. We thank you for the multitude of ways that you call us to steward the gifts of creation and to serve others in your name. We thank you for this day, for the companionship we share and the bountiful goodness of our common life.

God of all goodness, we pray in thanks for your presence among us and for your promise to be with us now and always. **AMEN.**

## *Final Blessing*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

May the same God who promise that when two or three agree together in His name He will be always in your midst.

May God fulfil your desires and prayers, as may be best for us all.

May almighty God grant you in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the world to come life everlasting and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you,

Now and forever more.

**Amen.**

## *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia**



*Recessional Hymn*

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

2. 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3. He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

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