



A Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn

**1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.**

**4 You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

Music by: John Hughes

Call to Worship

I wait for the Lord, O my soul waits:

And in his word I hope

My soul waits for the Lord:

More than watchmen, more than watchmen for the morning

O Israel, hope in the Lord:

For with the Lord there is steadfast love

With him there is plentiful redemption:

He will redeem his people from all their iniquities

Prayer for Offering

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 on high,
Let praises fill the sky!
Praise ye His Name.
Angels His Name adore,
Who all our sorrows bore,
And saints cry evermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

All they around the throne
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising His Name.
We who have felt His blood,
Sealing our peace with God,
Spread His dear Name abroad
"Worthy the Lamb!"

To Him our hearts we raise
None else shall have our praise;
Praise ye His Name.
Him our exalted Lord,
By us below adored,
We praise with one accord
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Join all the human race,
Our Lord and God to bless;
Praise ye His Name!
In Him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
And say with heart and voice,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Collect for Purity

Let us pray

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

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele	(Lord have mercy)
Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele	(Christ have mercy)
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele	(Lord have mercy)

The Penitence

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, who could stand?
 But instead with you there is forgiveness, that your name may be forever praised.
 Let us therefore confess our sins 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

Lord of life and death,
your compassion is steadfast and never ends:
touch us with your healing grace
that, restored to wholeness,
we may live as your resurrected people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

The Word of God

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15





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

Mark 5:21-43

South African Chorus

Ukuthula kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukuthula

Peace in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings peace

Usindiso kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' usindiso

Redemption in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings redemption

Ukubonga kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukubonga

Praise (gratefulness) in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings praise (gratefulness)

Ukukholwa kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukukholwa

Faith in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings

Ukunqoba kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukunqoba

Victory in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings

Induduzo kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' induduzo

Comfort in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings

Ukuthula kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukuthula

The Sermon

by Revd Moses Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God, the Creator

Maker of everything,

Author of the Universe,

And Mystery behind every matter.

We believe in Jesus Christ

God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human,



Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe



One with the Creator.

He is the Word made flesh and the Savior of all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

Breath of God moving among us,

One with the Creator and one with Christ,

He is our Guide and the Mentor of all creation. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord of love and life, you heal us of our infirmities. In the midst of the fear and suffering brought on by the COVID19 pandemic, we ask for your healing and wholeness to be made know to your people. We pray, Lord, not only for those affected by the virus but for all those suffering from various illnesses and maladies. We ask that you minister to these your people, Lord. Grant them your healing touch, that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we know that in your own time, the sick and infirm who were brought to you suffered not only physical pain, but were reviled and excluded on account of their illness. Your healing brought them not just physical well-being, but reintegration within their communities. Help all those who feel alienated from society, gracious Lord, to find ways of experiencing acceptance and love and so be made whole.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, when the family of Jairus' daughter thought that she was dead and that all hope was lost, you brought her back and restored her to full health. Help us always to remember that you are the God of resurrection and, when faced with situations of seeming hopelessness, help us not to despair. May our eyes always be fixed on you, Lord Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As the COVID infection rate rises, we pray Lord for proper and adequate mitigation measures to be put in place. And as the virus continues to prevent many of your faithful from gathering in person, we ask you Lord to be especially present to all of them in their various places. May they not suffer from isolation and separation, but by the ministry of you Holy Spirit, may they maintain their connection with you and with their fellow brothers and sisters, and thereby be comforted.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we saw in today's reading how David lamented the loss of his friend, Jonathan. Especially in these trying times, we thank you for the gift of friendship. May you increase the bonds of friendship between us and those we hold dear. Help us also Lord, to reach out to those who we perhaps know might be suffering from loneliness and isolation, so that we could extent the hand of friendship, in your name, to them also.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of justice and peace, in ancient times you sent your prophets to call your people to return to you whenever they strayed from the principles of justice and compassion. We pray Lord, be with all who work towards justice, all those who care for the vulnerable in society, and we ask you to convict all whose offices require them to, but who don't necessarily do so. We pray that your justice and peace would be established on earth.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer



God of grace and compassion: grant the fulfilment of these the requests of thy saints, as well as those petitions you have placed on our hearts, as may be most expedient for us, and may the God of glory be praised, both now and forever. **Amen**

Prayer over the Offerings

Gracious Father, in our current circumstances it is so easy to fall into a negative mindset and to lose sight of all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Help us to remember how blessed we are, and how blessed we have been, especially relative to so many others in our society. For this we thank you, and ask you to grant us a spirit of gratitude, that we would in turn be a blessing to others. Bless these tokens of our gratitude to you and may they be effective in the building up of your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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

For the gift of love, family and friendship; and for the opportunity to express vulnerability and compassion:
May your name be praised O Lord.

For the gift of productivity, creativity and the chance to fashion a better world:
May your name be praised O Lord.

For the mystery of the universe, for the awe and wonder it inspires, and for our own journeys within it:
May your name be praised O Lord.

For the splendor and beauty of the natural world; for the meekness we feel in contemplation of it; and for the ability to work for its preservation:
We thank you O Lord.

For the incomprehensible gift of being created by you and for being called your children:
We thank you O Lord.

For this and for all other privileges and blessings you bestow upon us, may we be forever grateful, Lord. Instill in us a sense of duty and responsibility to be agents of your kingdom on earth and thereby to serve your children, our brothers and sisters.
Amen



Final Blessing

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with every good thing, that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

**1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!**

**It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**

**2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.**

**3 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**4 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.**

**5 Till then I would your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.**

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