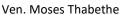


A Liturgy of the Word - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 6 February 2022







Rev. Matthew Wright



Rev. Sharmain James



Rev. Margaret Place



Rev. Alison Thabethe

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

Processional Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.



I give thanks O Lord with my whole heart

I bow down toward your holy temple

On the day I called you answered me You increased my strength of soul



Author: Edward Perronet (1780)



All the kings of the earth shall praise you

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord

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

St Michael's Choir

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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 Kyrie

Sung by - Ven Moses Thabethe

Nkosi yiba nenceba x3 Kristu yiba nenceba x3 Nkosi yiba nenceba x3

The Penitence

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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. Amen.



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

Holy God,
your glory astounds us:
take us as we are,
claim us for your purposes
and make us what you would have us be;
for Jesus Christ's sake,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen





The Word of God

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, 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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

The Sermon

The Revd Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

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

Like Isaiah, there are perhaps times when we do not feel worthy of our calling. Indeed, we may at times feel wholly inadequate in the face of our daily tasks. We pray therefore for a revelation of God's grace and for strengthening by God's in-dwelling Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

According to St Paul, the Church is the Body of Christ. We know that when parts of the human body are in conflict, this causes illness and disease. Remove from us any aspect of disunity and strengthen the bonds of fellowship between us.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We heard today in our Gospel reading the miracle you performed before Peter, James and John. Perhaps we may recall how we first came to faith, and the marvellous things you have done in our lives. Rekindle within us the passion we had at first, that we may boldly witness to your name.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We pray for the gift of compassion, Lord. Too often we are incapable of placing ourselves in the shoes of our brother and sister. Whether fellow Christians, or whether the poor and vulnerable, grant us hearts after your own, that we may be moved to compassion and act in love and service of one another.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We pray for a more equal and just world. We know that God's Kingdom consists in justice and peace and so therefore can never come to earth so long as injustice reigns. Inspire civil society and community leaders to continue to work for the implementation of justice on earth.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We continue to pray for the life of the Church. In a post-COVID era, we know that the mission and mandate of the Church must adapt accordingly. Grant us a vision for the future, Lord. And may your hand of blessing and guidance be upon the leaders of our Church, Archbishop Thabo, our metropolitan, and Bishop Steve, our diocesan bishop.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Finally, we remember the blessing Jesus bestowed upon both the poor, and the poor in spirit. Bless and comfort all those who are lowly in spirit at this time, particularly those within our own parish – those suffering from bereavement, illness, stress or anxiety. May they know the consolation of your love.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Gracious Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Offering

God of grace and providence, you shower us with every good gift and for this we thank you. The birds of the air neither sow nor reap and yet you feed them. Indeed, you care for all your creatures. We now give back to you a



small measure of what you have blessed us with. We ask you to set this apart for the work of your kingdom and the spreading of your Good News. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, in the midst of fear and isolation

We pray for assurance and company

Lord, in the midst of confusion and pain

We pray for clarity and comfort

Lord, in the midst of grief and darkness

We pray for peace and light

Bring strength to the weak.

Bring rest to the weary.

Bring healing to the broken.

And peace to the restless.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing

Go with the love of God

Go with a heart for all people

Go strengthened in God

Go to serve God's people

And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, this day and forever. **Amen**



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen





Recessional Hymn

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee. 4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne,

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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