

A Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: 2 July 2023

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

Processional Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise with us the God of grace.

Author: Henry F Lyte (1793-1847)

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Welcome to worship!
Although we are apart, we are united in this time of praise and thanksgiving.

Welcome to God's peace.
**In this time, may we put aside our urgency and anxiety,
and resist the distractions of our fear.
Caring God, open us up to receive your healing.**



Welcome to God's love.

**At the height of our joy or the depths of our despair,
 God's love seeks us out. Inclusive God, in your arms we are always welcome.**

Ever-present God, we have come to praise your name,
 and to honour you with our time. Help us steady our hearts
 and focus our minds on your presence among us.
 Accept our intentions to worship you alone,
 for you have given us power through your Spirit.
 We receive what you offer, and give you our thanks,
 through Jesus Christ, whose life,
 death & resurrection we celebrate! **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

the Apostle Paul advise us not to let sin exercise dominion
 in our lives, for if we do, we are in danger of becoming
 enslaved by such sin. Understanding that sin is anything we do
 which is contrary to the love God has revealed to us in Jesus,
 and with which our lives have been graced in baptism,
 let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

**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, Jesus 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

Faithful God, your love stands firm
 from generation to generation:
 open our hearts to hear your word
 that we may seek Christ's presence
 in everyone we meet;
 through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13
 Romans 6:12-23

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

The Sermon

Revd Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

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

**I believe and trust in God the Father
 who made the world.**

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
 Who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
 who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Faithful God, you have promised that you will not leave us orphaned, for you are coming to us. Hear the prayers of your people as we call out to you this morning.

Loving God, We pray for the church you have lovingly crafted, disciples in every time and place. We pray that ordained and lay people alike will heed your call to true discipleship and follow wholeheartedly for the benefit of the Kingdom. May your church be a place of welcome, where your goodness is reflected in all that we speak and do. Help us so to practice our faith that compassion would be shown to all without discretion. Through daily acts of simple kindness, help us to be a part of building your kingdom here on earth. We pray for our Archbishop Thabo, and for all clergy in the Johannesburg diocese, especially bishop Steve as he continues to lead us on our spiritual journey.



Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parish's outreach ministry: that they will be a source of nourishment, comfort, and hope to the less fortunate in our community.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Father, for the resources of the world and its beauty. We pray for the earth you have made. May we treat it with the dignity and respect it deserves. Give to all a reverence for your creation and make us worthy stewards of your gifts.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations and their leaders. May justice roll down like water as they seek the welfare of all people.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our communities, the places where we worship and serve. May we entrust our lives and the lives of our loved ones to your providential care.

Especially this morning, we pray for children:

For children who live in circumstances of violence or abuse. May they find safety and peace.

For children who go hungry in the winter without a school lunch. May they be nourished physically and spiritually.

For children who have been separated from their parents. May they receive comfort, care and justice.

For children who live with grief, trauma, or fear. May they know the joy and security of your ever-present love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering, those in physical or mental pain, and those who are terminally ill. Surround them with your love and light and support and sustain all the people providing care for them.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you are the resurrection and life. We remember before you all who have died: receive them into eternal life and raise us with them into the joy of your heavenly kingdom. We also pray for all those who have been bereaved. Comfort, sustain and surround them with loving and healing friendships.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Christ, as you were welcomed back into heaven when your work on earth was finished; we pray that our welcomes on earth may echo yours, so that, when our work here is finished, we may hear the saints and angels echo your words, 'All are welcome in this place'

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Prayer for Offering

God of grace and truth, you welcome us into your presence and provide refreshment and renewal for our lives in Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Receive and bless these gifts and our lives which we offer in response to your many gracious gifts to us. May our hands be always open to welcome people in Jesus' name. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend**



Final Blessing

St Bode (1816-74)

May the welcoming love of God embrace you;
 The grace and peace of Jesus Christ fill you;
 The renewing power of the Holy Spirit refresh you.
 And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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



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