

## A Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday in Lent 3 April 2022











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# Processional Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 



sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele x2 Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele x2 Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele x2



Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds



to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.



Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The Lord is our light and our life. **O come, let us worship.** 



Holy God and Lord of life, in Jesus Christ you redefine our living and our dying: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever Amen



Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory x2

If today you'd hear His voice Harden not your hearts

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory x2







John 12:1-8



**Sermon:** Ven Moses Thabethe



Let us confess our faith as we say,

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 power of 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 again
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.





In the knowledge of God's love and willingness to hear our prayers, we pray to you, Lord God.

#### **Brief Silence**

Loving God, in whose love we live and move, we pray for a world crying out to feel loved, wanted, cherished and unique. For the universal Church, that all her leaders may inspire courage and visionary leadership in a world that is gripped by fear and vulnerability. Hear our prayer:

Heavenly Father, source of all love

We pray for a world torn apart by conflict and war. A world that lives uneasily in a climate of fear, with no clear vision for future days. Hear our prayer for the world:

Heavenly Father, source of all hope

We pray for a world that thinks less of others than of self. A world where division between nations, race, religion neighbour and family leads to distrust. Unite us and hear our prayer for the world: **Heavenly Father, source of all peace** 

We pray for a world that is short on happiness, too busy to enjoy this world you have created,

too preoccupied with living to appreciate life. Inspire our lives with a yearning for fulfilment and a desire to serve those whose joy is inhibited and stifled. Enliven our hearts and hear our prayers for the world:

Heavenly Father, source of all joy



We pray for a world where spiritual longing is satisfied by fashionable notions and temporary solutions

with no thought for tomorrow. May we be enabled to use all our resources to nurture health, wholeness and a sense of belonging for those who are lost. Hear our prayers for the world:

#### Heavenly Father, source of our Salvation

We pray for a world that needs to know your love, your hope, your peace, your joy and Salvation. A world that needs to know it is special, unique and is uniquely loved by a Heavenly Father.

We give thanks for your faithful servants who have gone before us, praying for their families and all whose life is saddened by the death of loved ones. Be with them in their loneliness that they may know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench. Hear our prayers for the world:

#### Heavenly Father, source of our eternal rest.

Gracious God,

you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;

you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 



God of beauty and bounty: we offer these gifts as tokens of our dedication and gratitude to you, God and Father of all. Where they are able, may the enrich the lives of those in need and may the empower the work of ministry for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.** 



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

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for this sacred time and space. Although we are apart, we are grateful for the opportunity to be joined with our brothers and sisters in worship. Above all, we give thanks for the opportunity to spend time in your presence. As we draw to a close, may you're abiding peace remain in us throughout the week, and may we be guided by you will and your wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The Lord be with you **And also with you** 





Wherever you may find yourselves in this coming week may you walk the Way of Christ, sharing the Messiah's good news.

In whatever way you choose to give witness to Christ' suffering, during this Lenten season, may you be prepared to take up your cross, and to be Christ's witness.

May you be known and identified as Christ' followers in the way you serve, and in the way you love.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



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



1.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 we 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 thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

3Great 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 wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)





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