



# A Liturgy of the Word 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Processional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Author: Walter C. Smith (1867)*

## Call to Worship

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!  
**His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth**

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God  
**As with your name, so your praise reaches the ends of the earth**

O Israel, trust in the Lord  
**For God is our help and our shield**

I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress"  
**"My God, in whom I trust."**

God delivers from the snares of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence  
**God covers us with his pinions, and under his wings we find refuge**





## 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**

## Gloria

Tlotlo le be ho Molimo  
Ea busang maholimong  
Khotso e be teng lefatsheng  
Ho batho ba lokileng  
Re u boka ka thabo  
Re phehella thorisong  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela  
Ka tumelo e phelang  
A re rosiseng Molimo  
Tebohong e sa feleng  
U mohloli e moholo  
Ea busang maholimong  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Jesu mora oa Molimo  
U konyana e tlosang  
Libe tsa lefatshe lohle  
Re batla ho u rata  
U re hauhele bohle  
Ba llang mona lefatsheng  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

*Lifela tsa Bakriste  
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:  
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*

**Morena re hauhele, u re hauhele  
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele**

**Kriste, re hauhele, u re hauhele  
Kriste re hauhele, re hauhele**

**Morena re hauhele, u re hauhele  
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele**

## *The Penitence*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He is good to all, and his mercy over all he has made.

*Let us therefore confess our sins, trusting in God's willingness to forgive:*

**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 Jesus Christ,  
we are often blind to the miracles you work among us:  
conform our minds to yours  
and sustain us by your mighty power;  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
in the unity of the blessed Trinity,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

## *The Word of God*

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10





## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Open our hearts o Lord  
To listen to the word of your Son

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-13

## The Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright

## Affirmation of Faith

*Let us declare our faith in God.*

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is overall his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unending grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, in ancient times, through your servant David, you endowed Zion, the holy city, with your glory and splendour. Yet we know that your presence is not confined to physical places and buildings and that your glory roams throughout the entire universe. Now, as our churches are closed again, we ask once more for you to instil in each of your faithful ones a sense of closeness to you and an awareness of your presence that, wherever they may be, they would continue to live in communion with you, through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

We read today, heavenly Father, of the rejection your Son faced in his hometown and how, immediately after this, he commissioned his disciples to take your hope and healing to the people of his time. We therefore pray, Lord, that in the midst of the despondency and dejection we may feel at our current circumstances, you would continue to inspire us and to equip us as agents of your healing and as conveyers of your hope to the world at large.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**



Gracious Father, at this critical time we commit into your hands, our country and its leadership. We continue to pray for our president, Cyril Ramaphosa as he, together with his advisors, seeks to steer us through the third wave of the Coronavirus pandemic with as few casualties, and with as little damage to the economy, as possible. We pray that you would grant the Presidency strength and courage, as well as your wisdom and guidance, that the decisions taken would be effective in controlling this disease and saving the lives of our people.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

We pray Lord, that you would impress upon all people in our country, a sense of urgency and gravity in our attempts to contain the spread of the virus. Help us all to recognise the importance of observing COVID19 protocols to the strictest degree so that we may all do our part to contain the virus. We pray for your hand of protection upon all those we know and love, and we pray especially for our schools and our young people, who seem to be more vulnerable during this third wave. Grant us your protection, Lord, that we, together as a nation, and in our various communities, may prevail over this third wave of COVID19.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Lord of life, we continue to pray for all of our doctors, nurses and hospital staff. While these have promised, in terms of their vocation, to uphold life at all costs, we realise that nothing could have prepared them for COVID19 and the successive waves of infection we are experiencing. We therefore ask your hand of blessing and protection upon them. Uphold them, Lord, and uphold their family members as they seek to offer them their support. We pray Lord for the efficient roll out of our country's vaccination plan so that more and more of our people may receive some measure of protection.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, you bring us comfort and consolation in our hour of need. And so we bring before you all your children who are grieving and bereaved. May the souls of their loved ones rest in your presence and may your hand of healing be upon those who are grieving. Grant them your peace and reassurance that you continue to care for them and will guide them to healing. We pray for those either infected with, or recovering from, COVID19. We commit them into your hands, asking that by your gracious will you would restore their health and well-being.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, we offer you these our prayers, together with the universal Church, and all members of our community praying at home, in the knowledge that you are a loving and caring Father who sees the needs of his children and meets them in ways most expedient to them. May your name be praised now and forever. **Amen**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. In the name of Christ. **Amen**

### *Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name

On earth as it is in heaven,  
hallowed do thy name  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name



Forgive us our trespasses  
hallowed be thy name,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name

Lead us not into temptation  
Hallowed be thy name  
but deliver us from all that is evil.  
hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
Hallowed be thy name  
for ever, and for ever and ever.  
hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name

Amen, Amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be thy name  
Amen, Amen, it shall be so.  
hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name

*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

We give thanks to the God of comfort  
**Who meets his people in their distress**

We give thanks to the God of life  
**Who restores the countenance of the downcast**

We give thanks to the God of hope  
**Who faithfully leads us to our journeys' end**

In all of this we give thanks to God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
May God grant us always, a spirit of thanksgiving and praise. **Amen**

### *Final Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace, and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

### *Dismissal*

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

### *Recessional Hymn*

**O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**





*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.  
*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*



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