



*A Liturgy of the Word Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
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**The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.**

*Processional Hymn*

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:  
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

*Author: Caroline M. Noel (1870)*

*Call to Worship*

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof  
**The world and those who dwell therein**

He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers  
**Great is God's name and greatly to be praised**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors  
**That the King of glory may come in**

Who is this King of glory?  
**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

*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*

**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*

*Written by Anita & Nick Haigh (2011)  
Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

Empty broken here I stand, Kyrie eleison,  
Touch me with Your healing hand, Kyrie eleison,  
Take my arrogance and pride, Kyrie eleison,  
wash me in Your mercy's tide, Kyrie eleison.

*Chorus*  
*Kyrie eleison,*  
*Christe eleison,*  
*Kyrie eleison,*

When my faith is all but gone, Kyrie eleison,  
Give me strength to carry on, Kyrie eleison,  
when my dreams have turned to dust, Kyrie eleison,  
In You O Lord I put my trust, Kyrie eleison.

*Chorus*

When my heart is cold as ice, Kyrie eleison,  
Your love speaks of sacrifice, Kyrie eleison,





Love that sets the captives free, Kyrie eleison,  
O pour compassion down on me, Kyrie eleison.

*Chorus*

You're the voice that calms my fears, Kyrie eleison,  
You're the laughter dries my tears, Kyrie eleison,  
You're the music, my refrain, Kyrie eleison,  
Help me sing my song again, Kyrie eleison.

*Chorus*

Humble heart of holiness, Kyrie eleison,  
Kiss me with Your tenderness, Kyrie eleison,  
Jesus, faithful Friend and true, Kyrie eleison,  
All I am I give to You, Kyrie eleison.

*Chorus*

## *The Penitence*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.  
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins,  
according to the riches of his grace.

*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*

**Almighty Father,**  
**you have broken the tyranny of sin**  
**and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:**  
**take and receive our freedom**  
**and bring us into the glorious liberty**  
**of the children of God;**  
**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 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Lord you are the Spirit and life  
Alleluia, Alleluia

You have the words of lasting life  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## *Gospel Reading*

Mark 6:14-29

## *Taizé Chant*

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Confitemini Domino, | (Give thanks to the Lord) |
| Quoniam Bonus!      | (For He is good!)         |
| Confitemini Domino, | (Give thanks to the Lord) |
| Alleluia!           | (Alleluia!)               |

## *The Sermon*

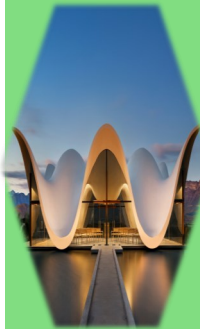
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## *Affirmation of Faith*

**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*

As we now enter a time of prayer, we commit ourselves once more to God, entrusting to him the cares and concerns that are laid upon our hearts:

Gracious Lord, we thank you that you are a faithful God who journeys with us every step of the way. Though the road is long and often difficult, and we must traverse it, we do not do it alone, for you strengthen and uphold us. For this we give you thanks, and we commit into your hands all our brothers and sisters who are struggling along their journey. May they find help in you and may you move us to reach out to them and extend to them your loving care.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

At a time when we can ill-afford divisive politics, we once more seek to commit into your hands, heavenly Father, our country and its neighbours. We pray for the protection of our democracy and for the upholding of the rights of all. We pray against factionalism and tribalism, asking that you would unite us on the basis of our common interests. We commit into your hands our neighbour eSwatini. We pray Lord for fair and just rule there and for a cessation of violence and bloodshed.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord of health and healing, we once more commit into your hands all those fighting to stem the tide of the third wave of COVID19. Especially we pray for our doctors and medical staff who surely must be at their wits end. We ask that, by your almighty hand, you would strengthen and sustain each of these as they seek to save the lives of the people of our country. Instil in each of us a sense of vigilance and urgency in doing our own small parts to prevent the spread of the disease.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

As we remember today all missions to seafarers, we commit into your hands, gracious Lord, all those whose work is on the seas. We thank you for the vital role they play in the global economy and in the supplying of our daily needs. We also know how the Coronavirus has affected global trade and supply and so, in turn, the livelihoods of those who work on the seas. We pray also, Lord, especially for the various Mission to Seafarers centres along our coastline. We pray that you would help equip these with adequate staff and resources so that they may fulfil their mandate for the caring of seafarers in their midst.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Lord of all creation, you have blessed our earth with an abundance of beauty and natural resources. You have also promised that those who place their hope in you will not suffer need nor lack. Due in large part to our own selfishness, so many people throughout the world suffer want and neglect. We pray therefore for a greater awareness of the needs of others. Help us to do what little we can to see to these. We pray for a just and equitable society in which none suffer want. In our own country we pray for the growth of our economy and the creation of meaningful employment for more people.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

God of comfort and consolation, you once suffered the pain and agony of losing your Son on the cross. We continue to commit into your hands, all those who have recently lost loved ones. Help them, Lord, in their grieving process. May they be drawn close to you and be comforted by the presence of your Holy Spirit. We pray that you would journey with them and guide them to a place of healing and wholeness. We pray also, Lord, for all those who are ill or suffering. May your hand of healing be upon them and may you comfort and console them and those they love in their hour of need.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**



Almighty God, we offer these prayers, together with the universal Church, and all members of our community, in the knowledge that you are a loving and caring Father who sees our needs before we bring them to you. Meet these, we pray Lord, in ways most expedient to us. And may the God of glory be praised both now and forever.

**Amen**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Eternal Father, we present to you our tithes and offerings as a token of our great love for you. We know that our financial giving is not the only thing you require. We remember your mandate to take your Good News to the world. We remember too that you desire us to love you with all our hearts, our minds, and our souls and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. May our financial giving therefore be matched by our love and service to you and to others, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

### *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*

Come, Holy Spirit! Breathe your peace on us,  
and on the whole Church of God.  
Give us grace to be worthy of our calling.  
May we bear true witness  
to one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
one faith in his death and resurrection,  
one baptism that has made us members of his body,  
one God and Father of all.  
Banish from our hearts all bitterness and envy,  
all anxiety and fear.

Pour out afresh today  
your astonishing variety of gifts,  
so that the body may build itself up in love.  
Teach us to recognize the grace of Christ in one another,  
and to bring our own treasures with humility,  
for the service of others.  
For the sake of him who died,  
is risen and now reigns  
at the right hand of God most High. **Amen**

### *Final Blessing*

May the God of grace and compassion uphold you,  
may the Lord Jesus Christ journey with you and lead you,  
may the Holy Spirit surround you in with his love and protection.



And may God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you, and strengthen you to live in his service, this day and forevermore. **Amen**

*Dismissal*

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

*Recessional Hymn*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*Author: James Edmeston (1821)*



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