



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

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2 Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Author: Karen Lafferty (1972)

Call to Worship

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.

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

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.**

The 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.**

Introductory Rite

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleans 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.**

The Kyrie

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

**1. 'Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve
See the violence, feel the hardness;
All my people, weep with me.**

***Refrain*
Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison,**

**2. Walk among them, I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.**

**3. Forgive us, Father; hear our prayer
We would walk with you anywhere,
Through your suff'ring, with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.**

The Penitence

Mighty and merciful God,
we come with a sincere desire to walk in your ways
and live under your reign.
Hear us as we confess to you our sins:

**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

Living God,
you raise us to fulness of life in Christ:
teach us to pray and grant us hopeful persistence
in seeking your will and your way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Hosea 1: 2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2: 6-15

Gospel Acclamation

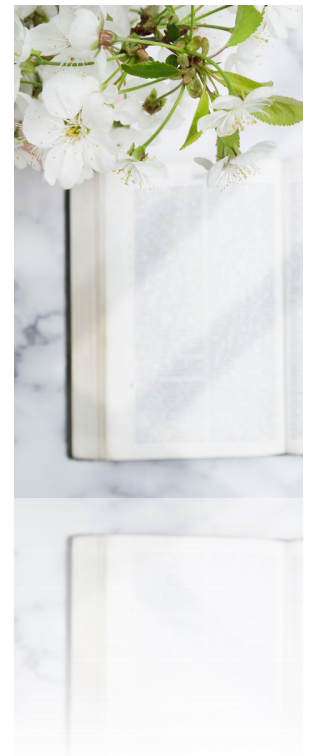
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Open our hearts O Lord,
To listen to the words of your Son
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 11: 1-13

The Sermon

by Rev Margaret Place





Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love and mercy, we bring before you our prayers:

For the Church: That your church may be a beacon of hope to a world seeking the path that leads to you, amidst all that is happening in the world. We bring before you the leaders of our church here in South Africa, our archbishop, the bishops, priests, deacons and all those who hold positions of leadership and service. May your spirit of love and compassion lead and guide them in their leadership roles.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those the leaders of the world. That you Lord would raise up leaders who are concerned with the welfare of their people. That the spirit of justice and goodwill be seen and felt by people everywhere. Inspire the leaders of our country and countries everywhere, that your people may no longer suffer want because their leaders are motivated by greed and self-interest. Grant guidance and inspiration to those entrusted with the responsibility of leadership.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the parish of St Michael's. Lord we bring before you the members and the leadership of our parish. As we seek ways to serve you, guide and lead those who are involved in all the planning and implementation. Bless each member of our parish and build our spirit of community and care. We pray for those members who are sick and infirm, those who need your special care. Bless us and build us into a caring faith community.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our pastoral ministries. Lord we bring before you all our different parish ministries and all parish activities that will start meeting in person soon. Bless all those who are engaged in our different pastoral and social outreach programs – that they may help restore dignity and healing to those wounded by abuse and neglect. May you fill us with your spirit and keep us united in our common concern for one another.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our children and young people. Lord we raise the prayers and concerns of children and young people everywhere into your presence, may you bless them and their families with all that they need in this time. May they always know and feel your special care and protection.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Generous God, you brought us to life and your Son came so that we may have life and have it in abundance. We pray for those in need, that you will give us a full measure of your spirit of abundant generosity, that we may fill up the lack that remains in our communities and our society.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who suffered loss. Be with those who have suffered loss during this time, those who suffered financial losses and must now rebuild their lives, their careers, and their businesses. Above all lord, to those who have lost their loved ones, grant your peace and compassion. We pray for our dearly departed, give them eternal life and peace in your kingdom.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**



We pray Lord may these prayers and those raised in the silence of the hearts of your faithful people be acceptable in your sight. May you guide and sustain us throughout. Be with us in the week ahead and keep us in your care and protection. Through Jesus Christ our lord **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

God of love, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness enjoyed by those in need. Bless our lives that, through our relationships, others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

**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

Loving and amazing God,
Your constant love and faithfulness
sustain us through all things.
For this we Give you thanks.

We give You thanks for the choice to let go
of whom we have thought ourselves to be
and become the new creation you call us to be.
For this we Give you thanks.

We give thanks almighty God, that You call us again and again
to be Your people,
that You love us and want us to live together
in fullness of community and life.
For this we Give you thanks.

We give thanks that You continuously teach us to pray
that we may come to understand what it means to be your children,
seeking first your kingdom and righteousness. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.





May you be a blessing to every life you touch,
and may God's Spirit within you
be a gift of refreshment shared
with all who are thirsty along the road you travel.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father,
the Son, and the 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

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

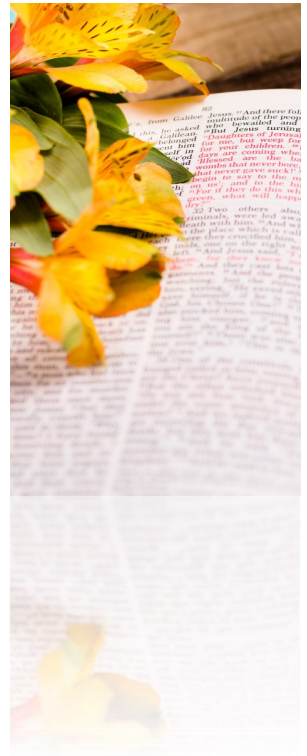
Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Be Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart
O high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun
O grant me its joys, after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Author: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1905)



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