



A Liturgy of the Word Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Processional Hymn

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.**



Author: Charles Wesley (1739)

Call to Worship

Blessed are the merciful
For they shall receive mercy

Blessed are the pure in heart
For they shall see God

Blessed are the peacemakers
For they shall be called children of God

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
And builds up our coming life

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.

The Gloria

Sung by Ven. Moses Thabethe

1. Glory to God on high,
Let praises fill the sky!
Praise ye His Name.
Angels His Name adore,
Who all our sorrows bore,
And saints cry evermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

2. All they around the throne
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising His Name.
We who have felt His blood,
Sealing our peace with God,
Spread His dear Name abroad—
"Worthy the Lamb!"

3. To Him our hearts we raise—
None else shall have our praise;
Praise ye His Name.
Him our exalted Lord,
By us below adored,
We praise with one accord—
"Worthy the Lamb!"

5. Join all the human race,
Our Lord and God to bless;
Our Lord and God to bless;
In Him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
And say with heart and voice,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

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

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

**Morena re hauhele x3
Kriste, Kriste re hauhele x3
Morena re hauhele x3**

The Penitence

*If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

Let us confess together:

**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. Amen.**

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

**Merciful Lord,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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

Genesis 45: 3-33, 15

The Psalm

In Place of the Psalm: Ndzi ta tlangela Yehova hayini?

(based on Psalm 116: How can I repay the Lord for His goodness to me?)

Ndzi ta tlangela Yehova ha yini? (x2) *[How can I repay the Lord?]*

Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina. *[All his blessings are upon me]*

Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina *[In all my happiness]*

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N'ta nwi tlangela ha yini? Minkateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.

[How can I thank Him? All His blessings are upon me]

Wu ndzi ponisile ka swidyoho hi n'wana wa yena Yesu Kriste.

[He has saved me from sin through His own Son Jesus Christ]

Wa ndzi basisa wa ndzi tiyisa hi ntamu wa Moya wa ku tenga.

[He cleanses me with the purity of His Spirit]

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the world
That our God has come to save

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia





Gospel Reading

Luke 6: 27-38

The Sermon

Sermon: Revd Matthew Wright

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

(Theme of reconciliation)

Acknowledging that our world is in desperate need of reconciliation and that, as Christians, we are called to a ministry of reconciliation, let us pray for the world, and the Church, that these may know the peace and justice of God.

Heavenly Father, when it seems our society has a penchant for war and warmongering, we pray for the cessation of armed conflict. We pray that there somehow be an end to the greed of the colossal arms industry which fuels these conflicts. Specifically, we pray for the conflict in Syria, Lebanon, and Afghanistan, for a de-escalation in tension between Russia and the West, and for those countries in Africa who in recent years have endured military coups.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Gracious Father, it would seem that the divide between the haves and have-nots is continually widening, not only here but across the world. Help us to realise the need for a more sustainable and equitable economic system, one which does not engender division based on wealth, but sees the need for including all people at God's table.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray, Lord, for reconciliation in our own country, not a reconciliation which papers over the cracks, but one which addresses deep-seated hurt and division. We know that this may involve meaningful change to our outlooks and expectations. Compel us to work toward this that all people in our country would enjoy the fullness of a dignified and meaningful life.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for a greater desire for unity within the Church universal. For the fostering of ecumenical relationships between churches. We also pray for those denominations, including our own, working to overcome internal divisions. Grant your wisdom and insight to Thabo, our Metropolitan, and Steve, our Bishop. May we, your children, be granted the mind of Christ and thereby be brought closer to each other.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**



We pray for the community of Bryanston. We thank you Lord for the relative prosperity, safety, and quality of life which we enjoy in this part of Johannesburg. We commend to you the vulnerable and those on the margins of our community – the homeless, those in informal settlements, the plastic pickers, the car guards. May civil society, corporates, and government understand the need for greater economic upliftment for all.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Finally, we pray for our church, St Michael's, Bryanston. Remind us always of who we are in you, Lord, namely children of our heavenly Father, and therefore brothers and sisters in the Lord. Remind us too that we are collectively members of the Body of Christ, each having a special and unique purpose. As we seek to fulfil these together, we ask you to strengthen our bonds in mutual fellowship and bind us with your love.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We make these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

Lord of life and love, you are a God whose nature is to give freely to your children. In this we rejoice and give thanks. Forgive us for the times and ways we have prevented our brothers and sisters from receiving of your bounty. Help us work toward a world in which none of your children lack. May we always be mindful of the blessings we have received and we ask you to accept these our offerings and bless them for the work of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Dismissal

Go now and share God's love with all you meet.
Go now and share the joy of Jesus.
Go now and share the inspiring breeze of the Spirit.
Go in peace assured of God's love. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

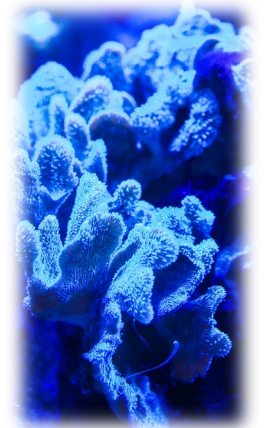
1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Hymn Writers: Charles Wesley



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