



# A Liturgy of the Word Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Processional Hymn

1 For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span,  
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

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## Call to Worship

With holy oil I have anointed my servant  
**My hand shall uphold him; my right arm shall strengthen him**

My blessing will not depart from my beloved  
**I will be their God and they shall be my people**

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with them always  
**And in my name shall they exalt**

O Israel, tell of the Lord's steadfast love  
**Declare it from generation to generation**

## 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*

C: Udum' alube	A: KuNkulunkulu
C: Udum' alube	A: Kweziphezulu
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C: Udum' alube	A: Kweziphezulu
C: Kube nokuthula	A: Emhlabeni
C: Kube nokuthula	A: Ebantwini bonke
C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu	A: Nkosi yasezulwini
C: Nkulunkulu Baba	A: Baba Somandla
C: Siyakubabaza	A: Siyakwazisa
C: Siyakuguqela	A: Siyakudumisa
C: Siyakubonga	A: Ngenxa yobukhosi
C: Yobukhosi	A: Bakh' obukhulu
C: Nkosi Jesu Kristu	A: Ndodan' ezelwe yodwa
C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu	A: Mvana kaNkulunkulu
C: Ndodan' kaNkulunkulu	A: kaNkulunkul' uYise
C: Wena osusa	A: Izono zomhlaba
C: Sihawukele	A: Sihawukele
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C: Sihawukele	A: Sihawukele
C: Sihawukele	A: Sihawukele
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-amen
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-a-amen
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-amen
C: Amen, A-a-a	A: A-a-a-a-a-amen

*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*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison





## *The Penitence*

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.  
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

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.**

## *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*

**O God,  
you sent your Son to heal and to bring peace:  
give us the stillness that restores our spirits  
and the grace that brings healing;  
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 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89: 20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22

## *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 6:30-34, 53-56

## The Song

(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]**

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

**N'ta ku tlangela ha yini? Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.**

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

**U 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]*

## The Sermon

Sermon: by Revd Margaret Place

## 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 enter a time of prayer, we do so with the universal Church, and intercede on behalf of God's world:

For what shall we pray, O saints of God? Let us pray for the world, for its suffering, and for the conviction of our own sinfulness, that we may all, with rent garments, return to the Lord in fasting and prayer.

Heavenly Father, we see around us such turmoil and unrest which causes our hearts grief and anguish. At such times we also feel overcome by fear and despair. As your children and as disciples of your Son, we know that we



are called to be a people of hope and love. And so, in these desperate and uncertain times, we ask that you help us turn our gaze once more to you, our Creator and Redeemer, that we would not lose hope but continue to profess our faith in your promises.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, at such times, perhaps we are dismayed at the complexity of the situation which faces us, for we realise there are multiple factors which have led to unrest in our country. When so many of our youth are unemployed, without income, and desperate to support their families, perhaps they feel they are left with few options. We pray therefore for a lasting peace and a lasting solution to the current situation, one which minimises loss of life and seeks to safeguard the well-being of all South Africans in the long term.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray, Lord, for our country and its healing. We commit into your hands our deep divisions, our past wounds, our history of oppression and violence. May these not be part of our identity in their life-demeaning and unchanged forms. Rather, help us to transform these wounds to bring new life. We pray for those who feel aggrieved and disempowered at their present circumstances, that they would not resort to lawlessness as means to achieve their ends. We pray for the protection of those living in communities hardest hit by the recent protests, asking that you grant them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for our president, Cyril Ramaphosa, for his cabinet and advisors, for the South African Police Service, the South African National Defence Force, for Community Policing Forums and private security agencies that, while seeking to contain the recent outbreaks of violence, they would exercise restraint and uphold the sanctity of life. We pray on behalf of the multitude who feel aggrieved and disenfranchised that they would not be easily incited, that a sense of reason would prevail and that, their consciences would dissuade them from engaging in illegal activity.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

In the midst of the recent unrest Lord, we once more commit into your hands the well-being of our country, its people and its economy. We continue to pray for the containment of the rise in COVID19 infections. We pray for the successful vaccination of as many of our people as possible so that, among other things, we can avoid future lockdowns. We pray especially for all currently without gainful employment and all whose livelihoods have been affected by the COVID pandemic. We ask Lord, that you would guide our country, in both public and private sectors, to put measures in place that would stimulate our economy and create jobs for more of our people.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Finally, gracious Father, we pray for your almighty hand of protection over our country and all its people. We commit into your hands, especially, our own communities and families asking that you would afford them, at all times, your grace and divine protection. We pray that you would grant us that peace which passes all understanding that, in the midst of the strife and uncertainty we face, we could continue to place our trust in you.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, we offer these prayers, together with all members of the St Michael's community, knowing that we worship an almighty God who is strong to save. You have taught us, Lord Jesus, to bring our requests before the Father in your name, knowing that He will hear us. This we do, trusting in your faithfulness and loving mercy.

**Amen**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Most holy and merciful Father, we thank you once more for your provision in our lives. We recognize how fortunate we are in relation to so many people around us. Out of the relative abundance with which you have blessed us, we thank you that we can give back to you a small measure of our appreciation and gratitude. We pray therefore, Lord, that you would bless these offerings, that they may bring life to those less fortunate and so extend the work of your Kingdom. For the sake of him who died, is risen, and is now seated at your right hand, Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## *Lord's Prayer*

**The 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.**

## *A prayer for unity*

God of peace,  
you are the bridge-builder,  
you are the opener of doors in impossible situations.

In Christ you break down dividing walls  
and invite us to belong together.  
You give more than enough love  
for binding up broken hearts,  
mending broken relationships,  
knitting together our scraps of faith  
into one communion and fellowship.

Teach us, we pray,  
to see the face of Christ  
not only in our friends,  
but also in the faces of strangers and enemies.

Rebuke us, we pray,  
when we choose separation instead of connection,  
isolation instead of collaboration,  
dissension instead of concord.

Renew us, we pray,  
for a generous sharing in abundant life  
with you and with one another,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

## *Final Blessing*

The Lord our God is able to bless you abundantly, so that  
in all things and at all times, having all that you need,  
you will abound in every good work. Therefore, commit yourselves  
to the Lord knowing that the God of peace will sustain you.  
And 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*

**1** The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

**2** Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

**3** Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

**4** In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

**5** Thou spreadest a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

**6** And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

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