



*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*

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
Come, ye who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew all the almighty can do,  
he who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again;  
gladly with praise we adore him!**



*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

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

## The Kyrie

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.  
*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.  
*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,*

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.  
*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,*

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.  
*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,*

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.  
*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,*

### *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*

**Generous God,**  
**you give us all things in abundance:**  
**help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth**  
**so that we may grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom;**





**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 11: 1-11  
Psalm 107: 1-9, 43  
Colossians 3: 1-11

### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord your words are spirit and life  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
You have the words of lasting light  
Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



### *Gospel Reading*

Luke 12: 13-21

### *The Sermon*

by Rev Matthew Wright

### *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, we bring before you our prayers:

**For the Church:** In this world of increasing turmoil, unrest and division, we pray that you would inspire and empower us to bear faithful witness to the Good News of Christ. When we are tempted toward despair, remind us, Lord, that our continual hope is in you. Inspire us to find new ways to fulfil the vocation of the Church, and help us to be faithful to our prophetic witness, that we would point toward a more just and equitable world in which your kingdom is realised.

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

**For the leaders of the world.** When world leaders seem to govern on behalf of their own interests and not those of the people they serve, when networks of cronyism undermine the appointment of able leaders, may there be opportunity to call peaceably for accountable leadership. Save us from apathy by reminding us that we are all called to hold our leaders accountable. We pray for the conviction of those in power, that they may realise the extent of their responsibility, and that it is within their ability to provide a better world for all.

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

**For the parish of St Michael's.** Lord, we give you thanks for the Body of Christ in the world. We thank you for the localised expression of that Body in the community of St Michael's, Bryanston - for the resources at our disposal and for the many gifts, talents and abilities of our parishioners. Continue to inspire us to use these in the service of your kingdom and for the building up of Christ's Body in this place.

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

**For the Church universal.** Remind us, Lord, that your Body exists throughout the world, through various traditions and denominations. Where we can, help us to work together with brothers and sisters of other churches and even faiths, that together we may further the ends of justice and peace. We pray for our own leaders, Archbishop Thabo, and Bishop Steve - may they continue to follow the steps of your Son, and thereby lead your Church during these challenging times.

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

**For our children and young people.** Heavenly Father, we commit into your hands all of the young people within our community and in our country. We pray your hand of blessing and guidance upon the young people of St Michael's, that by your presence in their lives, and through the ministries you empower here, you would nurture and guide our young people that they may find their respective niches in the world.

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

**For those in need.** When we look outside perhaps we feel we are confronted by a society of scarcity. While some of us work hard to obtain what we can to guarantee our own security, we are mindful of the many multitudes who may never have access to basic amenities. We pray for those affected by civil unrest, war and famine, and we pray for a collective paradigm shift, by which society at large works towards being more compassionate and inclusive.

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

**For those who suffered loss.** We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and for those we have lost recently. May they ultimately enjoy the warmth and love of your countenance, O God, and may your compassion surround their loved ones still on earth. We give thanks for all who minister to the bereaved. May they be instruments of your compassion and healing.

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

May the prayers of thy faithful servants be as a fragrant offering unto thee, O Lord, and may these and those said in the silence of our hearts, be granted as is most expedient for us. In the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen**



## Prayer for Offerings

God of grace and providence, you shower us with every good gift and for this we thank you. The birds of the air neither sow nor reap and yet you feed them. Indeed, you care for all your creatures. We now give back to you a small measure of what you have blessed us with. We ask you to set this apart for the work of your kingdom and the spreading of your Good News. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, hallowéd be Thy name,  
Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**On earth as it is in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.  
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowéd be Thy name,  
Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**Forgive us our trespasses, hallowéd be Thy name,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowéd be Thy name,  
Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**Lead us not into temptation, hallowéd be Thy name,  
But deliver us from all that is evil, hallowéd be Thy name,  
Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, hallowéd be Thy name.  
For ever and for ever and ever, hallowéd be Thy name,  
Hallowéd be Thy name.**

**Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name.  
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name,  
Hallowéd be Thy name.**



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for God's loving kindness and presence in our lives:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good  
**His steadfast love endures forever!**

We give thanks for God's continued provision and sustenance:

For he satisfies the longing soul  
**And the hungry he fills with good things.**

We give thanks for God's kingdom on earth:

He has shown strength with his arm  
**He has scattered the proud in their conceits.**

We give thanks for God's promise of justice:

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
**And exalted those of humble estate**



In all of this, we give thanks  
**For it is meet and right so to do.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. 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**

### *Final Hymn*

**Thy kingdom come, O God,  
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
Break with Thine iron rod  
The tyrannies of sin.**

**Where is Thy reign of peace,  
And purity, and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
As in the realms above?**

**When comes the promised time  
That war shall be no more—  
And list, oppression, crime,  
Shall flee Thy face before?.**

**We pray Thee, Lord, arise,  
And come in Thy great might;  
Revive our longing eyes,  
Which languish for Thy sight.**

**O'er lands both near and far  
Thick darkness broodeth yet:  
Arise, O Morning Star,  
Arise, and never set!**



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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation**

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**Empty and broken here I stand - Kyrie Eleison**

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**Thy Kingdom Come, O God**

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