



# A Liturgy of the Word Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Processional Hymn

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold  
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.  
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end!  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to worship thee above,  
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779-1838)



## 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.**



We gather here to worship God  
**With voices ready to sing praise.**

*Let us pray.*

Here we are Lord; your people, your Church meeting together in your presence.  
We welcome each other and we welcome You.  
Make yourself known to us in new ways through our worship,  
our prayers, and our understanding of your Word today. **Amen.**

### *The Gloria*

Udumo ku Nkulunkulu	kweziphezulu,
Kub 'uxolo Emhlabeni	kubantu,
Nkosi Nkulunkulu	ngqongqoshe wase zulwini,
Nkulunkulu, Yise,	Somandla.
Siyakhuleka	Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga,
Sikudumisa	sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho.
Siyakhuleka	Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga,
Sikudumisa	sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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Nkosi uJesu Kristo,	Ndoda na ezelwe nguye,
Nkosi Nkulunkulu,	Mvana ka Nkulunkulu.
Wena osus' izono	zomhlaba
ake uu-siha	wukele.
Weno 'hlezi	Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo,
Yamukela	Yamukela ukucela kwethu.
Weno 'hlezi	Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo,
Yamukela	Yamukela ukucela kwethu.

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Ngoba nguwe wedwa	owecwebileyo,
Nguwe wedwa	oyi Nkosi.
Nguwe wedwa,	onguPhezukonke,
Jesu Kristo,	Jesu Kristo.
Ukanye	Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo,
Ebukhosini	Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise.
Ukanye	Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo,
Ebukhosini	Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise.

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### *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*

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele      x2  
Krisite, Krisite hi tsetselele      x2  
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele      x2

### *The Penitence*

God's steadfast love is everlasting, And God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

**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*

**God of all the ages,  
you never cease to call us into covenant with you:  
grant us grace and make us faithful  
to proclaim the wonders of your salvation.  
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*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord

Let your word proclaim his deeds

Let your voice sing out to the Lord

That our God has come to save

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

## *Gospel Reading*

Luke 13: 10-17

## *The Sermon*

by Revd 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*

In the power of the Spirit and union with Christ, let us bring before God our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

Let us pray for the worldwide Church brought together through faith in Christ Jesus. We pray for Thabo our metropolitan, for Steve our Bishop and all the Bishops of our Province and for Christian communities throughout the world: That, the Church may be a visible sign of unity and hope in a world torn apart by so much violence, so much hurt that we cannot bear. May the church continue to be a sign of hope by the way we support and encourage one another.

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

We pray for our community, this parish of St Michaels. We thank you for all the opportunities that you have given and ask that you continue to lead and guide us as we seek to shine your light in this place. We pray for all who have been celebrating events recently: births, baptisms, weddings, and anniversaries. We pray that the joys felt during these celebrations will be shared with family and friends and bring about long-lasting and happy memories and will be opportunities to share your love with others.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift before you all leaders, we pray for a day that all who lead governments locally, nationally, and worldwide will come under your rule. May their decisions and policies have the potential to impact the lives of people around the world - people who they may never meet, know, or be aware of, but who are your sons and daughters. May Your spirit fill our leaders hearts and heads that they might hear the voices of the impoverished, the oppressed and the vulnerable and help them see the impact of their actions, and the potential to release healing and hope through just policies.

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

Loving Lord, we pray for our country, and for the many challenges we face. We bring before you the things in the news lately that concern us deeply: the pressure due to the rising cost of living, the pressures on those who have lost jobs or cannot find work. In this month that has been set aside for women, we remember with sadness women who still experience abuse, violence, and senseless killings. Caring and loving God, transform your church to be a place of healing and safety.

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

O God, we lay before you our thanks and our concerns as we remember all those whose situations are very close to our hearts. Those facing stress or sorrow, those challenged by pain or illness. We pray that in the midst of their suffering and pain, we with your Holy Spirit will be able to bring them the love, healing, support and hope they need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die. So we remember before You those who have died and those who are bereaved by their passing. May they be strengthened by the love of those around them and find peace. Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to you, so that we may know we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you.

Eternal God, thank you for your promise that you hear our prayers. Strengthen our faith in that promise, so that our lives might proclaim your love, mercy and goodness to all we meet. Merciful father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**



## Prayer for Offering

O God, we place our hope and trust in your loving kindness.  
Because we want to praise you with more than words,  
we offer our gifts to support Your mission in the world.  
Bless these gifts and our lives, so that all the world  
will know your loving kindness. **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 Father, thank you for the privilege of being able  
to share in this time together. Time to connect with Heaven,  
and your promises. Time to rest and join with brothers and sisters.  
Time to reflect, and breathe in the wonder of your love, the majesty  
of your Kingdom and the excitement of journeying  
with you in the week to come. **Amen.**

## Final Blessing

Let the majesty of the Father  
be the light by which you walk,  
the compassion of the Son  
be the love by which you walk,  
the presence of the Spirit  
be the power by which you walk.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen. .**



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*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Recessional Hymn*

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

Fain would I still for the employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*By Charles Wesley*

*Giving*

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