



A Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Processional Hymn

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Author: Caroline M. Noel (1870)

Call to Worship

Look upon us, O Lord!
And let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of Your brightness.

Fill us with holy love, O Lord!
And open to us the treasures of Your wisdom.

We seek Your face O Lord!
Turn Your face unto us and show us Your mercy.



Introductory Rite



The Lord be with you

And also with you

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, Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele,

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele, Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele

Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele, Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele

Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele, Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele, Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele, Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele



The Penitence



In a time of quiet, we bring before You those times when we have failed to keep Your commandments when we have decided that we know better

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy

forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly,

love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. 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



**God of suffering and glory,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life:
inscribe your law on our hearts;
that we may not stray from you,
but remain your faithful people;
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



Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Based on Psalm 116 How can I repay the Lord for His goodness to me? In Place of the Psalm we sing the following:

Ndzi ta tlangela Yehova ha yini? Ndzi ta tlangela Yehova ha yini?
Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.
Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina
Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina
N'ta ku tlangela ha yini?
Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.

[How can I repay the Lord?]
[All His blessing are upon me]
[All my happiness]
[All my happiness]
[How can I thank Him?]
[All His blessings are upon me]

U ndzi ponisile ka swidyoho hi n'wana wa yena Yesu Kriste.
Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.
Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina
Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina
N'ta ku tlangela ha yini?
Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.

[He has saved me from sin through His own Son Jesus Christ]
[[All His blessing are upon me]
[All my happiness]
[All my happiness]
[How can I thank Him?]
[[All His blessing are upon me]

Wa ndzi basisa wa ndzi tiyisa hi ntamu wa Moya wa ku tenga.
Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.
Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina
Ku tsakeni ka mina. Ku tsakeni ka mina
N'ta ku tlangela ha yini?
Mikateko hinkwayo ya yena yi le henhla ka mina.

[He cleanses me with the purity of His Spirit]
[[All His blessing are upon me]
[All my happiness]
[All my happiness]
[How can I thank Him?]
[[All His blessing are upon me]

By Ven.Moses Thabethe



Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory
If today you hear his voice
Harden not your hearts
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory

Gospel Reading



John 12:20-33

The Sermon



by Rev. Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith



The Apostles Creed

**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

We now come to a time of intercession.

Everlasting God, your son chose twelve disciples to work together to spread the good news of the gospel to the whole world, help us as we work together here in our part of the worldwide church. May we delight in sharing in each other's spiritual gifts. Bless our bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders. Make us all aware of our call to serve along the example of your Son Jesus Christ. May the world be made into a better place through our dedicated service. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for peace in our world; may people all who suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who are in positions of leadership, that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly during this time for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging time of the global Pandemic. May our leaders draw their inspiration from you our loving God. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we thank you for all those who work tirelessly in the service of others. We bring before you those who are in essential services, medical and emergency personnel, uphold them Lord and bless them with your protection and support. During this time, we pray for those who are charged with procuring and distributing the vaccines, may your wisdom abide Lord God and may there be equity, justice and charity. Lord be especially with those who live in countries where there are wars and armed conflict, may your hand of compassion break through the violence and inhumanity. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ you invite us to take up our cross and follow you, may you be our constant companion on our journey through life. Be with every member of our spiritual family here at St Michaels. Bless us along our Lenten journey. Strengthen our resolve to do good and to practice charity and compassion. Lord God instruct your angels concerning us and guide us through the challenges we face in our daily lives of Christian witness.

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

Merciful God we pray for the victims of violence and those who are charged to uphold law and order in our country. May your hand of protection be upon your people Lord. We pray for the students in our country, be with their parents and families. Bless those who are engaged in finding peaceful solutions to the current student unrest. We bring before you those who are seeking entrance to tertiary education and those who are seeking financial aid. May you facilitate a generous spirit within the hearts of your people. May peace and goodwill reign throughout.

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

We pray for those who are sick and infirm, especially those who are infected and affected by the corona virus. Bless your people with health in body and spirit. Bless those among us who are suffering from mental illness, may your light break through the darkness that surrounds us and lead us into your light of peace. Be with those who care for family members and friends who are ill. Uphold and protect them Lord. To our brothers and sisters who are in danger of death and those who have died, grant them eternal life and peace in your kingdom.

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

Heavenly Father, we make these prayers in the name of your Son, who came into the world to show us your tender love and mercy. **Amen**



Prayer for Offering 

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize that everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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.**



Prayer of Thanksgiving 

Good and gracious God, amidst all the challenges of this present time we bless your name and give you thanks.

We thank you for your gift of life, and pray for those who have lost their lives during this pandemic, and all who mourn them.

We thank you for the hearts, hands, and minds of the nurses, doctors, and scientists who care for the sick and seek cures. We thank you for family and friends. We thank you for every blessing, and ask for compassion to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We thank you for the gift of Your Son Jesus who redeem us and accompanies us on our life journey.

We praise your name and bless you. **Amen**

Final Blessing 

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith;

May you be rooted and grounded in love;

May you grasp the full breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ;



May you know that love, which surpasses knowledge;
May you be filled with all the fullness of God.

And the blessing of God almighty,
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 

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.



Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Author: John Greenleaf Whittier (1872)

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