



A Liturgy of the Word Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Processional Hymn



1. O God beyond all praising,
 we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing
 that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder
 at every gift you send,
 at blessings without number
 and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you
 and wait upon your word,
 we honour and adore you,
 our great and mighty Lord.

2. The flower of earthly splendour
 in time must surely die,
 its fragile bloom surrender to you,
 the Lord most high;
 but hidden from all nature
 the eternal seed is sown
 though small in mortal stature,
 to heaven's garden grown;
 for Christ the man from heaven
 from death has set us free,
 and we through him
 are given the final victory.

3. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
 accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favour
 may serve you as our king;
 and whether our tomorrows
 be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows
 and rise to bless you still:
 to marvel at your beauty
 and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty
 our sacrifice of praise.

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.



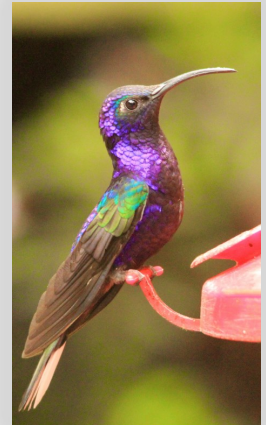
We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Venite



Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Come, bless the Lord,
all ye servants of the Lord,
who stand by night
in the house of the Lord;
lift up your hands
in the holy place,
come, bless the Lord,
come, bless the Lord.
Praise Father, Son
and Holy ghost
Who evermore remain the same.
Lift up your hands in the holy place
And bless the Lord,
and bless the Lord.



The Kyrie



1.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.

Chorus
Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison,

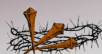
4.You're the voice that calms my fears, Kyrie eleison,
You're the laughter dries my tears, Kyrie eleison,
You're the music, my refrain, Kyrie eleison,
Help me sing my song again, Kyrie eleison.

2.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,
You O Lord I put my trust, Kyrie eleison.

3.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.

5.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.

The Penitence



Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.



**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution



Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect



**God of extravagant love:
expose our self-satisfaction
that we may embrace the wayward;
and be reconciled to you and one another
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word of God



Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

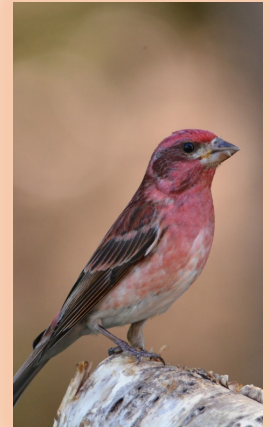
Gospel Acclamation



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Glory to you, o Word of God
Lord Jesus Christ x2

I am the Light of the world, says the Lord
All who follow me, will have, the light, of life





Glory to you, o Word of God
Lord Jesus Christ x2

I am the resurrection, and the life
All who believe in me, will live forever
Glory to you, o Word of God
Lord Jesus Christ x2

Gospel Reading



Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

The Sermon



Ven Moses Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith



Let us confess our faith as we say,
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again**

**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.**

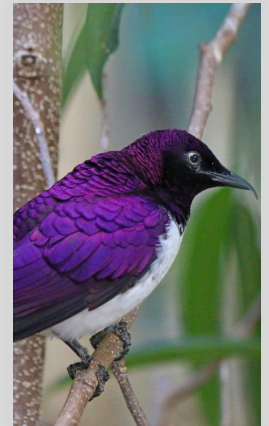
Prayers of Intercession



Holy God, during Lent we come to you aware that we are not prepared for the awesome Easter message of Christ's suffering and death and his glorious victory of resurrection. So help us as we offer of intercession and thanksgiving to truly understand the tremendous gift of Easter. Today as other Anglicans around the world celebrate Mothering Sunday we give thanks for our Church and earthy families and especially pray for our Mother churches where we first got to know you, Lord and our saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Loving God, we come before you today aware of how you call us to be like you. You made us in your own image





and that you gave to us mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, people to love, enjoy and work for and people to pray for and we are thankful. As we think about our family, help us to lift up in prayer those without families at this time. Help us too, to remember our own sinfulness before you and how you forgive it and so make us, within our families and the wider world, to be messengers of your reconciling love.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who are in need of a healing touch today; for children who are hungry ; for families threatened by war or insurrection on our continent and abroad; for the sister who is very ill; for the father who soon will be dwelling in your kingdom; for the prodigal who left home in haste leaving behind uncertain parents; for the mother who is living in a house of fear especially as the war continues in Ukraine.

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

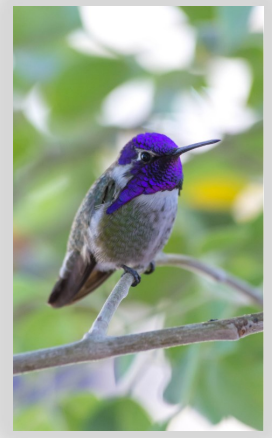
Everlasting God, we remember before you those who brought us into this world, raised and cherished us and made us what we are today, especially those who we love but see no longer, and we ask that you be close to all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one.

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

Gracious God, our heart-felt prayer today, is that you would bless our families, and help us be a blessing to them. Touch all those who are mothers to us or to others. Anoint with your healing goodness our brothers and our sisters, smile upon our children and help them to grow.

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

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Prayer for Offering 

God of love, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude.
Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness
enjoyed by those in need. Bless our lives that, through our
relationships, others will be touched by the hope we know
in Christ Jesus and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer 

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

Almighty God, father of all mercies
Here, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For you are good and full of lovingkindness
Pouring out your love to us and all whom you have made
We bless you, Lord, for our creation, preservation
And the blessings of this life
But most of all for your immeasurable love
The redemption of the world by Jesus Christ
For the means of grace and the hope of glory

And give us such awareness of your mercies
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise
Not only with our lips but in our whole lives
Giving up ourselves to serve you, walking in your ways
In holiness and righteousness all of our days
And now, through Jesus Christ our Lord
To whom, with you and with the Holy Spirit raise
All the honour and the praise for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplications to you,
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together you will
hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions,
as may be best for us, granting us in this world
knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life;
for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.

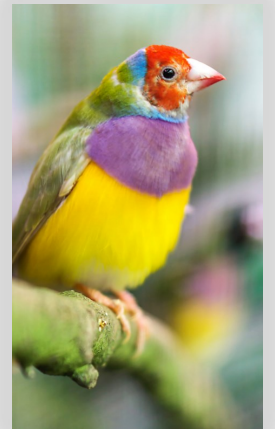
Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

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, that surpasses knowledge
May you be filled with all the fulness 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 forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn



**Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Giving



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