



A Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday After Pentecost

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SERMON

Opening Hymn

Glorious Things of thee are spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

John Newton (1779)



Welcome / Opening Prayer

We are convinced that the coming of Jesus was a radical change for the world.

With him God's light began to shine on a world plunged in the dark.

Today, is all darkness gone from our world?

Even from his Church and the Churches?

Is Jesus still our light today?

Our lives should reflect God's light on all people far and near.

We acclaim Jesus here among us as the light of our life.

**God of love,
your Son invites us, gently but insistently,
to follow him as faithful disciples.
Open our minds to his light,
make us respond to his love
and entrust our whole being to him.
May his kingdom grow in each of us
and in the whole world,
that he may lead us in hope
to the joy you have prepared for us in your home.
We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Praise the Lord:

All: Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God's Name, now and forever





The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen

Collect for Purity

All: 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

Lord Jesus, let your light shine in the darkness of our world:
Lord, have mercy. **Nkosi sihawukele x3**

Jesus Christ, let your light shine in us and drive all our sins away:
Christ, have mercy. **Kriste sihawukele x3**

Lord Jesus, let your light shine on the Churches that profess your name
and make them all one in you:
Lord, have mercy. **Nkosi sihawukele x3**



The Penitence

Let us ask pardon from the Lord for all the times when our shortcomings kept us from letting the light of Christ shine in the world.

All: 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

All: Holy God, Lord of the harvest,
You send your labourers to spread the gospel
Call us to this work,
Equip us by your Spirit
And send us to proclaim your good news;
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

- Genesis 18:1-15
- Psalm 116: 1-2, 11-18
- **Romans 5: 1-8** : Read by Martin-Jude McGregor
- Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8





Sermon

Suffering, Perseverance, Character and Hope"

Reverend Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

All: 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

Prayers to led by Rev. Allie Josseph alongside the Parish Ministers

- David Grant - Bidding and prayers for the universal church
- Nomsa Motsohi - For the local church and parish
- Jane Badham - For those in authority and government
- Joan Griebenouw - For the needs of the world
- Janice Hawkrigde - For the needs of our nation and community
- Dr Linda Chipunza - For God's mercy and salvation
- Loyiso Majija - For the sick, for the dying and the bereaved
- Lulama Duma - For generosity in our hearts and actions
- Xena Cebe - For sustaining us in the week ahead
- Matsiliso Moleko - For His blessing



Blessing for the Offering

God of love and provision, in deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of what we have been given. Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your kingdom in this world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

All 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 Dedication

Lord, make me an instrument of your love.
Where the darkness of loneliness reigns
let me bring the light of friendship.
Where the darkness of bitterness reigns
let me bring the light of forgiveness.
Where the darkness of hurt reigns
let me bring the light of healing.
Where the darkness of sadness reigns
let me bring the light of joy.
Where the darkness of doubt reigns
let me bring the light of faith.
Where the darkness of despair reigns
let me bring the light of hope.
Where the darkness of hatred reigns
let me bring the light of love.

Amen





Final Blessing

Go and take the light of Christ with you
that it may shine in the world.

Speak with your lives his message of hope and joy,
and show by what you are and do
that Christ is alive in you.

Let God's love enfold you and give you strength:
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.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.



Recessional

How great Thou art!

1 . O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods, and forest glades
I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze



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Author: Carl Boberg (1885)
Translator: Stuart K. Hine (1949)

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