



# A Liturgy of the Word Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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**SERVICE**

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**SERMON**

## Processional Hymn

### And Can It Be That I Should Gain

1 And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

#### Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]



## Call to Worship

Come away from the burdens of the world,

**All: Find rest in Jesus, and be renewed.**

Enter God's presence with songs of praise

**All: Find freedom in Christ, and rejoice.**

## Opening Prayer

**All: Creator God**  
Give us eyes to see how great you are,  
wisdom to understand how complete you are,  
humility to accept how hidden you are,  
faith to trust how close you are,  
and love to adore how beautiful you are.  
Through Christ Jesus  
Who calls us into the abundance of your life.  
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 God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.



## *The Gloria*

**All:** 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.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
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*

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele  
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele

Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele  
Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele  
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele



## *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:** O God of mercy,  
by your Holy Spirit you nourish us with life:  
plant us now in good soil,  
that we may bear the fruit of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## *The Word of God*

- Genesis 25:19-24
- Psalm 119:105-112
- Romans 8:1-11



## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;  
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.

Alleluia! Alleluia

## *Gospel Reading*

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**Tumi Masipa**

## *Sermon*

Seeds of Grace

**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

## *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**



## *Lord's Prayer/Prayers of Intercession*

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer is "God Our Father," from engageworship with Sara, Sam and Ella Hargreaves. Please watch the video and join in as Sara leads us in the prayers of intercession that follow.

**God our Father, King of heaven,  
let your Kingdom come.  
On the earth as in your heaven,  
let your will be done.**

**Everything we need you've given;  
bread for every day.  
In your mercy we're forgiven,  
may we show your grace.**

**Let your Kingdom come,  
let your will be done.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
help us walk your ways.  
Lord, deliver us from evil,  
hear us as we pray:**

**For the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever,  
forevermore.  
Amen**



## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Word of life, who strengthens and comforts us  
You have renewed our faith  
And restored our hope.

**All: We give thanks for your grace.**

Holy Spirit, our counsellor and guide,  
You have drawn us into your light  
And inspired us with your love.

**All: We give thanks for your mercy.**



## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Source of all being,  
You have made us a people  
Who are called by your name.

**All: We give thanks for your unfailing love.**

## *Final Blessing*

In joy or in sorrow, in health or in sickness,  
God's word is a lamp for our feet  
**and a light upon our path.**

Summer or winter, seedtime or harvest,  
our lives are always safely in God's hand,  
**and we never forget God's love.**

Accept our worship, loving God,  
**and teach us your ways.**

The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you today and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## Recessional Hymn

### When Peace Like A River

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

#### Refrain

**It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain

Horatio G. Spafford, Philip P. Bliss





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