



# A Liturgy of the Word Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Processional Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.

Author: James Montgomery

## 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.**

### *The Gloria*

**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.**

**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*

*Let us pray.*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleans 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*

*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

1. 'Look around you, can you see?  
Times are troubled, people grieve  
See the violence, feel the hardness;  
All my people, weep with me.

*Refrain*

*Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison,*

2. Walk among them, I'll go with you.  
Reach out to them with my hands  
Suffer with me, and together  
We will serve them, help them stand.





3. Forgive us, Father; hear our prayer  
We would walk with you anywhere,  
Through your suff'ring, with forgiveness,  
Take your life into the world.

*The Penitence*

God of love and transformation:  
you desire right sacrifice;  
a broken and contrite heart, you will not despise.  
Hear us as we confess to you our sins:

**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*

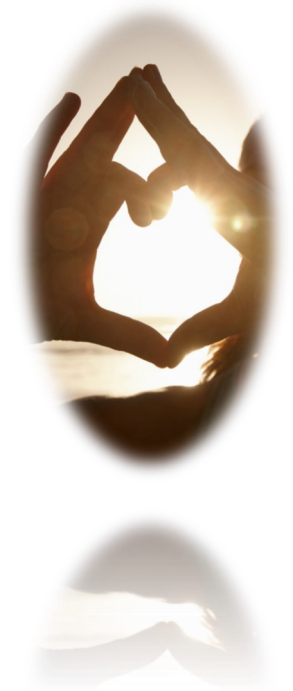
**O God, Architect of our faith:  
build in us the assurance of our hope  
and the conviction of your faithfulness,  
that we will be ready to receive the treasure of Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Word of God*

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20  
Psalm 50: 1-8, 24  
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-19

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Open our hearts O Lord,  
To listen to the words of your Son  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia





## Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 32-40

## The Sermon

by Revd Sharmain James

## 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

God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love, we bring before you our prayers:

**For the Church:** As we re-imagine the Church's calling for our current day, we ask what God might be desiring from each of us. We know that faithfulness does not consist in abundance of material sacrifice. Lord of all creation, as members of the Body of your Son, we devote our hearts to you, that these would be fashioned after your own, and that our lives, in the service of brother and sister, would conform to your will.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**For the world.** Gracious Father, when we are easily desensitised to the suffering of your world, fill our hearts with compassion, that we would be moved to help where we can. Remind us that the future of your creation is in our hands and that if we wish to bequeath the world, in all its diverse beauty, to our descendants, we must act now to preserve it.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**For those at the margins of society.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we know that much of your ministry was about seeking and saving the lost and ministering to those at the margins of society; we confess that, for many centuries, the Church was complicit, if not active, in marginalising those it condemned. May a spirit of love, generosity, and inclusivity abound within us that we would welcome those without spiritual homes with open arms.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**For our own parishioners.** We give you thanks Lord, that many of our parishioners have been able to return to in-person worship services. We thank for the resumption of various other ministries within our parish, and we ask your blessing upon us as a community. Strengthen the bonds of fellowship between us, for we know that these transcend space and time. We therefore ask for your blessing upon all who have links to St Michael's, Bryanston.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**



**For the bereaved.** Finally, we pray again for our faithful departed. We thank-you, Lord, for the cloud of witnesses of which they are now a part and which testifies to your enduring goodness and faithfulness. May the example of all who have gone before us inspire us to live our lives fully to your praise and glory.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, accept these prayers, made in unison with the Church universal, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. And now may your blessing be upon these our offerings, and may you use them for the multiplication of your kingdom, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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*

Finally, God's faithful, "Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." For in possessing a spirit of thanksgiving and praise, our eyes will be opened to God's kingdom in our midst. **Amen.**

### *Final Blessing*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

A blessing on you who are poor,  
**Yours is the kingdom of God.**

A blessing on you who mourn,  
**You shall be comforted.**

A blessing on you who hunger for justice,  
**You shall be satisfied.**

A blessing on you who make peace,  
**You shall be called children of God.**





A blessing on you who are persecuted  
for the cause of the right,  
**Yours is the Kingdom of heaven. Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Recessional Hymn*

**1**Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

**3** Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

**2** Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.

**4** Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

*Author: John Marriott*



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