

A Liturgy of the Word Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: 1st October 2023

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

Processional Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Author : Henry Francis Lyte

Call to Worship

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones
who do his word, obeying the voice of his word
Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his servants, who do his will!

And all the angels stand around the throne and
they fall down before God and worship, saying
**Blessing and glory and wisdom and power and
might be to our God forever and ever!**

The Lord be with you
And also with you



Gathering Prayer

Creator God, as we gather virtually to worship you today,
 and to offer you thanks and praises for seventy years of faithfulness,
 pour your Holy Spirit upon your people and great us a new vision
 for the next chapter in the lives of us your faithful servants.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Amen

The Penitence

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
 abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all,
 and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Let us therefore confess our sins
 trusting in God's willingness to forgive:

**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

May the God of all time and all ages,
 God who has power to liberate all,
 forgive you your sins and free you from them;
 in the name of the Father, and the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



The Collect

God of all faithfulness,
 you led your people from bondage into the promised land:
 may you continue to guide and lead us,
 as you have done over the last seventy years,
 that we would 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

Psalm 148:1-6
 Revelations 12:7-12

Gospel Reading

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-10

The Sermon

Sermon: The Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God
 the Father, the Almighty
 maker of heaven and earth
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
 the only Son of God
 eternally begotten of the Father
 God from God, Light from Light
 true God from true God
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
 and the Virgin Mary
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**



**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to God our Father.

Gracious Father, by his blood Christ has ransomed us to you, and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God. As the angels minister to you in heaven, strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth. We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and for Archbishop Thabo. And we pray for our diocese and our Diocesan Bishop, Steve. Strengthen your ministers, both lay and ordained, to serve you faithfully on earth.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of all creation, when the angels greeted the birth of your Son they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'. Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world. We pray especially for warring nations and for all regions affected by armed conflict of any kind. Protect those most vulnerable and convict those with authority and power that we may all come to live in a more peaceful and just world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty Father, your Son has promised to your children the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face. Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families, friends, and all those with special claims upon us. We pray for children and grandchildren, those near to us and those far away, that they may grow up with a deep and abiding love for you. And help us all to come to a joyful resurrection in your Son.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of courage and consolation, you give your angels charge over those who trust in you to guard them in all their ways. Be with those in trouble, sorrow, need or sickness. We pray especially for those in our pew leaflet and on our prayer chain. Help us to see your hand in all trials and adversities and strengthen us to remain faithful to you and to continue serving you truly all the days of our life.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father in heaven, your angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labours, for they take with them the record of their deeds.' Enfold in your love all who are recently bereaved. We remember too all those who have gone before us, especially those whose years' mind occurs this week. You have promised that those who mourn shall be comforted; help us to find our comfort and healing in you.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Sovereign Lord, the angels sing by day and night around your throne: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty. With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side, with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings, with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing, and with the whole company of heaven, we worship you, we give you glory, we sing your praise and exalt you for ever. Accept these our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer for Offering

On this the occasion of our 70th anniversary, we thank you once more for your great faithfulness toward us. Accept these our tithes and offerings, not only as tokens of our gratitude but as signs of our rededication to you. May us, our children and our children's children, continue worshipping you in this place for another 70 years, and may we forever sing your praises. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen .

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen**

Final Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

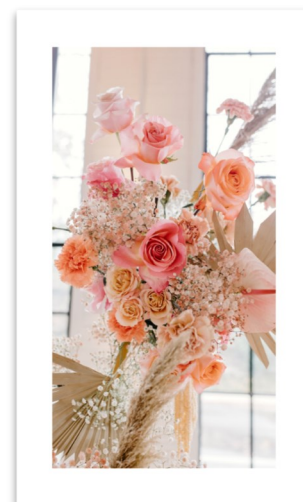
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 Flow, river, flow
 Flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth your word
 Lord, and let there be light*

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness
 So our faces display your likeness
 Ever changing from glory to glory
 Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
 Shine on me, shine on me*

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Author: Graham Kendrick



Final Blessing

People of God, you have seen how God is faithful to generation upon generation. Go now and tell of God's marvellous works and of how much God has done for us. Proclaim his works among the nations! And may the blessing of God, all-compassionate, and all-loving, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and those you love, now and forever.

Amen

Dismissal

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

Giving

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