



A Liturgy of the Word - Pentecost Sunday

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

Processional Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)

Call to Worship

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray.
**Give us faith, that when you come like the wind,
though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us
and discern your movement.**





Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:

let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned from our lives.

May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and love that strips away our sin.

Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring may make its home with us:

truth to set us free, truth to guide us and inform us, truth to lead us in the way of your will.

Give us an open heart, Lord,

**that we may seek all people for your realm,
and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word.**

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and in every generation.

Come, wind. Come, fire.

Come, truth. Come, love.

In the name of Jesus. Amen

By Michael I. Walker, 20th century English minister



Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Praise the Lord:

Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God's Name, now and forever



Tlotlo le be ho Molimo

Ea busang maholimong

Khotso e be teng lefatsheng

Ho batho ba lokileng

Re u boka ka thabo

Re phehella thorisong

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela

Ka tumelo e phelang

A re rosiseng Molimo

Tebohong e sa feleng

U mohloli e moholo

Ea busang maholimong

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!





Jesu mora oa Molimo
U konyana e tlosang
Libe tsa lefatshe lohle
Re batla ho u rata
U re hauhele bohle
Ba llang mona lefatsheng
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

From Lifela Tsa Bakriste



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.



**Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba**

**Kristu yiba nenceba
Kristu yiba nenceba
Kristu yiba nenceba**

**Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba
Nkosi yiba nenceba**



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

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

**Almighty God, with wind from heaven and tongues of flame
You poured out your Spirit on the disciples:
Set our hearts on fire with joy and power
And send us out as witnesses
To the wonder of your love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen. Amen**

The Word of God

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 26-36

Romans 8: 22-27

Gradual Song

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You**

**Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy**





Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27; 16: 4b-15

The Sermon

by Ven. Moses Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

Prayer of Intercessions

Loving Father of the entire human race, we thank you that you have given us life in your name and for the many blessings you have given us. Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to bring us abundant life. Help us to work towards a world where this life would be available to all people.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God, your Holy Spirit empowered the early Church to proclaim your Gospel. Grant us the desire and the boldness to share your Good News with the world, that those around us may know of your wonderful acts of kindness and love.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer





Lord Jesus, you commanded your disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they had received power from on high. This Pentecost day, we ask that the Holy Spirit would empower, with all the necessary gifts and abilities, all members of your Church, that we would be able to build your kingdom on earth.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, on the day Pentecost, the outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon the disciples attracted believers of all nations. We pray that you would send your Holy Spirit once more upon your Church throughout the world, that it would become a light to share your message of unity and reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, before you left this earth, you told your disciples that you would send a Helper who would guide them into all truth. We ask you, Lord, to give us the ability to tell between right and wrong. When much of the information we see online and on social media can be confusing, give us the ability always to place our faith and trust in you and to believe in your truth.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God, we continue to pray for all whose lives have been affected by COVID. We pray for all healthcare workers helping to prevent a third wave, we pray for all those who have lost loved ones, whose families have been forever changed, and for those who have lost their livelihoods. Be with them Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving Father, we commit into your hands our schools and all places of learning. Protect our teachers as they seek to fulfil their calling as educators. Protect and guide all learners. May our education be the pathway to freedom and success. Protect us too from COVID and help us to be cautious so as to avoid infection.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for our St Michael's family. We pray for Fr Moses and the other clergy. We pray for all staff, for the parish ministers and counsellors. We pray for all areas of ministry and especially for the youth, teen church, and junior church, for those who are candidates for baptism and for our confirmands. May your hand of guidance, blessing and protection remain upon us the youth now and always.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer



At Pentecost, God poured out gifts of the Spirit upon the church, to equip Christ's followers to bear witness to him throughout the world. We offer our gifts and our lives to God: Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we offer so that they accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions may bear witness to Jesus' love and mercy each and every day. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name**

**On earth as it is in heaven,
hallowed do thy name
Give us this day our daily bread,
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name**

**Forgive us our trespasses
hallowed be thy name,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name**

**Lead us not into temptation
Hallowed be thy name
but deliver us from all that is evil.
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
Hallowed be thy name
for ever, and for ever and ever.
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name**

**Amen, Amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be thy name
Amen, Amen, it shall be so.
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of Life, breathe new life into us.

We are weary from the events of the world; we are drawing inside and becoming numb because of all the devastation we experience around us.

Breathe new life into us, so that our own spirits may rise again.

Breathe new life into us, so that we may be renewed and restored.

Breathe new life into us, so that we may once again hear Your call to go as healers into a broken world.

Breathe new life into us, so that we may encourage one another.

In the name of Christ, who taught us how to breathe in this world, we pray. Amen.





Final Blessing

Glory to God whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever;
God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and keep you in truth and peace;
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. Alleluia, Alleluia
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional Hymn

**O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
eternal fount of love,
in flame, we pray, our inmost hearts
with fire from heaven above.**

**As thou in bond of love dost join
the Father and the Son,
so fill us all with mutual love,
and knit our hearts in one.**

**All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.**

*Author: Charles Coffin (1736);
Translator: John Chandler (1837)*

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