



A Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Processional Hymn

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see their God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the sky
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our king,

Still to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
will chose the pure in heart.

Lord, we your presence seek;
we ask this blessing true:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for you.

Author: John Keble (1819, alt.)

Opening Prayer

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us sing to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Amen.



Introductory Rite

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.

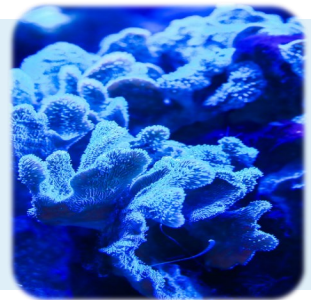
The Gloria

**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**



The Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**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

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

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The Penitence

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Let us therefore confess together

**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.**

The 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

**Heavenly Father,
by your grace alone you accepted us
and called us to your service:
strengthen us by your Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

The Sermon

Rev. Margaret Place

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.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

**He 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

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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





Prayers of Intercession

For the Church:

We bring before you all those whom you called to serve in your church as priests prophets and kings. We pray in especially for the leaders of your church in our country. May you guide and direct our Archbishop Thabo, our bishop Steve and all the leaders of your church in your wisdom and love.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the world:

May the leaders of the world be guided and directed by your Holy Spirit Heavenly Father. What lies ahead might sometimes look like insurmountable odds, but we continue to hold up our leaders in prayer. Bless the president and leadership of our country and countries all over the world, that they may hear your call and follow your concern for the good of all your people.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all affected by COVID

We pray for those who are infected with the COVID 19 virus, we pray for them and in this time of great uncertainty, with numbers of infections rising alarmingly, we call upon your protection Lord. Be with those who make decisions regarding the national medical response to the virus. We pray for front line workers and family members and friends; may you keep all your people in your special care.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our families

Lord we bring before you families all over the world, especially the spiritual family of St Michael's Bryanston. Bless each and every member of our parish as we start this new year with so much uncertainty, full us with the assurance of your divine providence. Make us bearers of your life and light. Strengthen our parish leadership and our different portfolios as they start this new year. Help us reach out to one another in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For children and young people

We bring our children and young people before you Lord, bless them and bless their parents and guardians, protect them as they move into this new year. Be with them so they may remain steadfast in your love.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For those whom we lost.

As the parish of St Michael's, we pray for those we buried these last days: Leslie Mampe, John Grainger, Rollo Johnson and Dolly Mokgatle. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Gracious father, we make these prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our supreme Saviour and Friend.

Amen.



Blessing of Offering

Gracious Father, as we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Thanksgiving

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:
for life and one more day to love,
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,
for neighbours and one more person to love and, by whom, be loved,
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.





The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

O Christ our Saviour, so dwell within us now, that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, the fire of inspiration on our lips, your Word on our tongue, and your love in our hearts.

And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

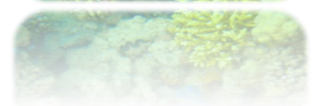
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,





my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

(Author: Daniel L. Schutte)

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