



# A Liturgy of the Word Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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## Processional Hymn

### We plough the fields, and scatter

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

**Author: Matthias Claudius (1782) Translator: Jane M. Campbell**



## Opening Prayer

We meet in the presence of God  
**who knows our needs,  
hears our cries,  
feels our pain,  
and heals our wounds.**

Lord, speak to us  
**that we may hear your word.**

Move among us  
**that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers  
**that we may learn to trust you. 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*

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and let your face shine upon us:  
May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations.

**Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison**

## *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.

**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*

Lord of heaven and earth,  
You sent your Holy Spirit  
To be the life and power of your Church:  
Sow in our hearts the seeds of grace  
That we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
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*

- ✠ Genesis 28:10-19a
- ✠ Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
- ✠ Romans 8:12-25

## *The Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
Blessed are you, Lord, Father of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia**



## *The Gospel Reading*

- ✠ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## *The Sermon*

Weeds and Wheat: A Journey of Growth and Maturity  
by Ven. Moses Thabethe



## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, who is full of kindness and love, hear our prayers for the world, for one another, and for ourselves:

We pray for the universal church, particularly during these difficult times of ministering to people and communities under such restrictive circumstances, that we may be faithful and courageous in the face of all challenges that arise day by day;

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

For the world and its leaders; that mercy, justice, understanding, and peace in relationships may abound between nations: that in this time of anxiety about the future there will still be generosity for all in need, particularly in the many parts of the world where there is hunger and joblessness.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work in fields and forests, in mines and offices, in hospitals, schools and shops; and for those who cannot find work: that as the economy is reorganized, all who do work will be fairly treated and those seeking work will not lose hope.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have to travel by land, air and sea in order to provide for their families, that God would keep them safe and sustain their families with God's abiding presence. We pray that as we strive to recover from the pandemic we will remember to cherish the earth and treat it with care.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for teachers and students, for schools, colleges and universities and for those who plan for a new season of learning during these challenging times: that creativity and commitment will lead them to discoveries about the world in order to impart knowledge and foster responsible citizenship.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**



## *Prayers of Intercession cont*

God of providence and love, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources for your creation. Prepare us to labour and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart in our mission and ministry.

Lord in your mercy      **Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for your faithful servants who have gone before us, especially Estelle Jackson and John Coles. we pray for their families and all whose life is saddened by the death of loved ones. Be with them in their loneliness that they may know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench. We especially pray for those who have died from the virus during this time and their loved ones who were unable to attend their funerals.

Lord in your mercy      **Hear our prayers**

Loving God, lead us into the coming week,  
Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us,  
Spirit of God, enable your Church to be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. In the name of Christ. **Amen**

## *Blessing of 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**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name  
your kingdom come  
your will be done  
on earth as 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 for ever.  
Amen**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

God who created the earth and the heavens,  
Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One,  
We come with hearts full of gratitude,  
to give you thanks  
**For all things good, we give you thanks**



Gracious and generous God,  
We remember all the gifts you have given us,  
We remember how lavishly you provide.  
We remember how lovingly you care,  
We remember especially that greatest gift of all,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
**And we give you thanks.**  
**Amen**

### *The Final Blessing*

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

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among 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*

#### **In Christ there is no East or West**

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord,  
Close binding humankind.



## Recessional Hymn *cont*

Join hands, then, members of the faith,  
Whatever your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as His child  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In Him meet North and South;  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

*John Oxenham (1908)*

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