



A Liturgy of the Word First Sunday after Christmas

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

Processional Hymn

All glory, laud, and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

Translator: J. M. Neale (1854);
Author: Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans (c. 820)

Opening Prayer

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
For unto you is born, in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.



Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest!**
Praise to God most High!

Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name!

Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Praise the Lord:

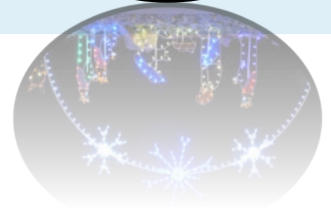
Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.

The Gloria

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| Udumo ku Nkulunkulu | kwezipezulu, |
| Kub 'uxolo Emhlabeni | kubantu, |
| Nkosi Nkulunkulu ngqongqoshe | wase zulwini, |
| Nkulunkulu, Yise, | Somandla. |
| Siyakhuleka | Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga, |
| Sikudumisa | sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho. |
| Siyakhuleka | Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga, |
| Sikudumisa | sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho. |



Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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| Nkosi uJesu Kristo, Ndoda | na ezelwe guye, |
| Nkosi Nkulunkulu, | Mvana ka Nkulunkulu. |
| Wena osus' izono | zomhlaba |
| ake uu-siha | wukele. |
| Weno 'hlezi | Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo, |
| Yamukela | Yamukela ukucela kwethu. |
| Weno 'hlezi | Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo, |
| Yamukela | Yamukela ukucela kwethu. |

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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| Ngoba nguwe wedwa | owecwebileyo, |
| Nguwe wedwa | oyi Nkosi. |
| Nguwe wedwa, | onguPhezukonke, |
| Jesu Kristo, | Jesu Kristo. |
| Ukanye | Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo, |
| Ebukhosini | Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise. |
| Ukanye | Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo, |
| Ebukhosini | Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise. |

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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

Nkosi, yiba nenceba
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Nkosi, yiba nenceba

Kristu, yiba nenceba
Kristu, yiba nenceba
Kristu, yiba nenceba

Nkosi, yiba nenceba
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Nkosi, yiba nenceba



The Penitence

*Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us approach God and confess our sins 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

Almighty God,
you wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us:
as Jesus Christ came to share our humanity,
so may we share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever, **Amen**

The Word of God

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7

The Gospel Acclamation

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



The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

The Sermon

by Rev. Matthew Wright

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

Prayers of Intercession

For the Church

Lord of time and space, you commissioned your Church, through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit, to do your work and usher in your Kingdom on earth. In these changing times, we ask you to empower Her once more for the work of your Gospel. Equip her leaders and inspire each of her members to carry out the ministry of Christ, until his coming again.

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

For our world and its leaders

Gracious Lord, the world which you created, fashioned, and brought into existence, is in a state of increasing turmoil. We beseech you, Lord, may your will would be done, on earth as it is in heaven; that the countless poor and oppressed would know your justice and that all those harbourers of injustice would know your righteousness.

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

For families and friends

Heavenly Father, in this time meant for joy and celebration with family, so many people are facing increased difficulty. Many for the first time could not to see family members. We pray for your gracious hand over all our family and friends and all parishioners of St Michael's. In a time of increased sadness and anxiety, may we know your supreme comfort, love and protection.

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

For our children and young people

Almighty Father, your Son our Lord, taught us to welcome all children in his name. We pray for all the young people of St Michael's. Bless them and protect them these holidays. We thank you for our youth ministry and commit their leaders and facilitators into your hands praying that you bless this ministry in the new year.

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

Prayer for ourselves

Finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves. Help us to discover what it means to be created in the image of God, to live with the appropriate dignity and out of the abundant love which you poured into our hearts. So often we fall short of what it means to be faithful to you, and so we ask to know your grace to be empowered as agents of your change and renewal.

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

Merciful father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, the prince of peace
Amen



Blessing of Offering

Gracious Father, thank you that you give us the gift of abundant life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives good gifts to his children. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. And may blessing and glory, wisdom and honour, 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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Now may the only wise God, the Creator of all,
empower you for the work of his kingdom;
may God the Son, born into human frailty, keep you always humble;
and may God the Holy Spirit, uplift your spirit when you are weak.

And may the blessing of the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, preserve and keep you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**



The Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King"*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King"*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King"*





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