



A Liturgy of the Word : Second Sunday in Lent

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

Processional Hymn



O Jesus, I have promised
 To serve thee to the end;
 Be thou forever near me,
 My Master and my Friend;
 I shall not fear the battle
 If thou art by my side,
 Nor wander from the pathway
 If thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
 To all who follow thee
 That where thou art in glory
 There shall thy servant be.
 And, Jesus, I have promised
 To serve thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow,
 My Master and my friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
 and in them plant mine own;
 my hope to follow duly
 is in thy strength alone:
 O guide me, call me, draw me,
 uphold me to the end;
 and then in heaven receive me,
 My Saviour and my friend

John Ernest Bode

Call to Worship



The Lord invites us to follow him:
we take up our cross,



help us to follow you, Lord.

The Lord invites us to grow in our relationship with him:

**We are his disciples,
help us, Lord, to grow in faith.**

The Lord invites us to answer the question, "Who do you say that I am?"

**We say, you are the One who meets us here,
the Lord, our God.**

Introductory Rite



The Lord be with you

And also with you

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



Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele x4

Kriste, Kriste hi tsetselele x4

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.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.**



**We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
 In your mercy forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
 so that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name.
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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



God of Sarah and Abraham
 Long ago you embraced your people in covenant
 and promised them your blessing:
 give us grace to recognize you as our God
 and serve you as 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



Genesis 17:1-7.15-16
 Psalm 22:23-31
 Romans 4: 13-25



Gospel Acclamation



Glory to you, O Word of God
 Lord Jesus Christ x2
 Man does not live on bread alone
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Glory to you, O Word of God
 Lord Jesus Christ x2



Gospel Reading



Mark 8:31-38

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.**

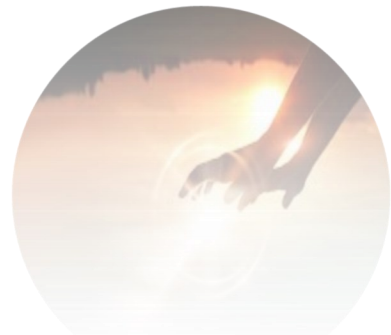
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession



For the Church : We pray for your church all over the world. We pray for Thabo our archbishop, Steve, our Bishop, our clergy, and lay leaders in the diocese of Johannesburg and in the parish of St Michaels. We pray the Lord to strengthen their ministry and mission to spread the Good News and proclaiming your reign on earth.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For our world and its leaders : Heavenly Father, all leadership comes from you and your son calls us to a new kind of leadership, a new kind of witness. We bring before you the leaders of the world. In these uncertain times, may they be renewed and inspired by your Holy Spirit. Give our leaders the courage to be men and women of integrity and charity, filled with goodwill and righteousness.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**





For our children and young people : We bring before you our children and young people Lord. For those who are suffering loneliness, anxiety, and depression, those who feel misunderstood and confused, left behind by the society and the uncertainty inside and out. May your loving care be felt by them and may they find hope and connectedness.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the needs of our community : We pray for the spiritual community of St Michaels. That your kingdom come in the hearts of your faithful people. Help us as we endeavour to build an authentic and vibrant community. Be with those who expressed the need for prayer and intercession. Be with those who are moving through the darkness of loss and uncertainty. Bring us all into the light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For our Lenten observance : Lord Jesus Christ, accept the offerings of our Lenten observance, strengthen our resolve to use this time to pray, to fast and to do works of charity.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the bereaved : We bring before you those who died, may you grant them eternal rest and peace in your kingdom Lord. For those who mourning the dead, renew our spirit and strengthen our hope in your unfailing help in times when we miss those who are no longer with us in this world. Renew our spirit Lord and give us enduring hearts. We bring before you in a special way the members of St Michaels who passed away recently, those whose year's mind it is this week.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord renew our resolve to come after you, help us to learn how to deny ourselves and take up our own cross and follow you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for 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.**

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 

Thank you Heavenly Father
that wherever two or three gathers in Your name
there You are among them;
we celebrate fellowship shared in Your company,
wherever we may be.

Thank you, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

You invite all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
with the assurance that with You we would find rest. We thank you that amidst the uncertainty of this present time,
you still bear our burdens.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier.

You who are working tirelessly to conform us to the image of God, teaching us the truth about the kingdom and
affording us the peace that comes with knowing that God loves us.

Holy Trinity we thank you.

Amen.

Final Blessing 

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Wherever you find yourselves in this coming week
may you walk the Way of Christ,
sharing the Messiah's good news.

In whatever way you choose to give witness to Christ' suffering
may you be prepared to take up your cross,
and to be Christ's witness.

May you be known and identified as Christ' followers
in the way you serve,
and in the way you love.

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.

In the name of Christ. **Amen.**





Recessional Hymn



1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

5 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

6 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Author: John Henry Newman (1865)

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