



# A Liturgy of the Word - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

## Processional Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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## Opening Prayer

From the rising of the sun to its setting:  
**The Lord's name is greatly to be praised!**



For the Lord is faithful:

**The Lord will establish you and guard you against the evil one.**

We have confidence in the Lord, that you are doing the things the Lord commands:

**May the Lord direct your hearts toward his love and to the steadfastness of Christ.**

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for God is good:

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

### *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*

Morena, re utlwele bohloko  
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Kriste o re utlwele bohloko  
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Morena, re utlwele bohloko  
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### *The Penitence*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

*Let us 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*

**Merciful Lord,  
your word brings healing and life:  
cleanse us from our sins  
that we may serve you with a quiet mind;  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,**



one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

*The Word of God*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*The Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Lord your words are spirit and life, alleluia.

You have the words of lasting life, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

*The Gospel Reading*

Mark 1:21-28

*The Sermon*

Ven. Moses Thabethe

*Affirmation of Faith*

*Let us declare our faith in God.*

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the Kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

Dear Lord, we bring before you the needs of the church. We pray that you bless your church and its leaders. May

*Prayers of Intercession*

we grow in our experience and expression of our common priesthood. May we who are called to be priests prophets and kings, live out this call every day of our lives. Bless our Archbishop Thabo, our Bishop Steve, and the leadership of our diocese.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**





Heavenly Father we come before you on behalf of those charged with the responsibility of leading our country and in particular those making decisions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Give them the wisdom that sits by your throne. Enable them to see that this is bigger than politics but that it is about people's lives.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray together with families all over the world who are experiencing the pandemic coming closer and closer. We now all know people who have been struck down with the virus. We pray that you do not allow us to grow weary in our concern for one another. We acknowledge your love and care for us and we pray that you will be with us through this difficult time.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Our children and young people we bring before you Lord. You told us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Throughout these uncertain times, ever changing timetables and delayed results, renew your spirit within our children and young people. Bless their parents and family members Lord, Instruct your angels concerning them and keep them safe.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for this terrible sense of loss that is threatening to plunge the world into darkness and fear. May your light shine through and in your light may we see light, the light of hope and a renewed spirit that calls out to you in the sure and certain hope that our faith brings us. Hear us as we pray for those who died. May your light shine on them always and may they rest in your perfect peace.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we make these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

### *Blessing of Offering*

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. **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*

Almighty and ever-loving Father,  
We thank-you for your great goodness and steadfast love.

In an uncertain and seemingly dark world, your light guides us and sustains us. For this we thank you. May we be always receptive to your prompting and leading.

Keep us mindful, Lord, especially in these difficult times of the many good gifts you have bestowed upon us, that our hearts may forever sing your praise and ring out with thanksgiving.

From this relative abundance, may you continue to grant us Lord, a spirit of generosity, that through the sharing of our selves and our lives with others, we may know the meaning of true charity.

Through the love of, your Son, our supreme Saviour and Friend. **Amen**

## *The Final Blessing*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Lord has heard the cry of his people:

**The Lord delivers them from all their troubles**

Happy is the one who trusts in the Lord:

**They are like trees planted beside flowing streams**

And so 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*

Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul



Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy  
Make me a channel of Your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

(Sebastian Temple)

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