



A Liturgy of the Word - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Processional Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

Author: Horatius Bonar (1846)

Opening Prayer

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
And the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.



Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth:
Even in darkness light dawns for the upright.

Come, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, let us go to the house of the God of Jacob:
That He may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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 on high,
Let praises fill the sky!
Praise ye His name.
Angels His name adore,
Who all our sorrows bore,
And saints cry evermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

**To Him our hearts we raise—
None else shall have our praise;
Praise ye His name.
Him our exalted Lord,
By us below adored,
We praise with one accord—
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

**Join all the human race,
Our Lord and God to bless;
Praise ye His name!
In Him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
And say with heart and voice,
"Worthy the Lamb!"**

**Though we must change our place,
Our souls shall never cease
Praising His name;
To Him we'll tribute bring,
Laud Him, our gracious king,
And without ceasing sing,
"Worthy the Lamb!"**



By James Allen (pub.1761)



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 x3

Krestu yiba nenceba x3

Nkosi yiba nenceba x3

The Penitence

The hour has come for us to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

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

**Everlasting God,
you heal the sick and restore the distressed:
make us agents of your healing and wholeness,
that your good news may be experienced
throughout creation,**





through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

The Word of God

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:16-23

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia
Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the world
That our God has come to save
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

The Sermon

Revd Alison 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious Lord of all humanity, we continue to come to you in our hour need. So much of the future still seems uncertain. So many lives have been forever changed by the advent of COVID19. In your perfect love and mercy, we





ask that you continue to sustain, uphold and protect each and every one of your saints, that they may faithfully and fully live out their years on this beautiful earth.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the hopeful news we received this last week: for the steady decline in infection rates and hospital admissions; for the arrival of our first batch of vaccines. We pray that these will be faithfully administered and dispersed amongst the most needy in our population. Particularly, we pray for all hospital and medical personnel, that you would protect them through immunization with the vaccine. We pray too for our elderly and those suffering from comorbidities, that your hand of protection would be upon them.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray together Lord for all whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by COVID. We thank you that with the lifting of certain restrictions under adjusted level 3 sectors such as hospitality and tourism now have a chance of reviving. We therefore pray for the economy of our country, and of the world, that more of your people could have access to livelihoods and dignified lives.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Today, on Education Sunday, we commit into your hands especially all our students and educators. Yet another sector adversely affected by COVID19, as our educators and students continue preparations to start the academic year, we ask your hand of protection over all of them. We pray that national and local departments would be properly equipped and appointed by Government to enable the effective running of schools across our country.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Finally, Heavenly Father, when it is so easy to become cynical, negative and despondent, we pray as your people, as people of the way, as disciples of your Son, and as your beloved children, that your love would fill and reign in our hearts; that each of us may be beacons of hope, health and healing to one another and to a grieving world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly father, may there be light in this place, light to the mind, light to the heart, and light to the will, that we may know thee, love thee and serve thee, all the days of our life, through Christ our Lord.

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. In the name of Christ. **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 the moments when we are weak in body and spirit, we truly appreciate your loving-kindness for the good health that you have given to us.

Lord, we thank you because you did not let our faith be tested beyond our limits. We thank you for taking care of us and gracing us with your loving kindness.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for loving us so much throughout this trying time. That you were with us when our loved ones became sick and those who passed away.

Lord, I thank you for being the protector, our guide and our deliverance. We magnify your name and we firmly put our trust in your loving and tender care.

For every blessing, we thank you Lord. **Amen**

The Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon 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,
Now and forever more.

Amen



The Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**



My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Charles Wesley (1739)

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