

November 15 2020
A liturgy for use at home

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*Words in **bold** are said by all.*

PREPARATION

Light a candle as you read these words

‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness”
(Mt 25:23).

Call to Worship

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he has mercy upon us.
(Ps 123:1–2)

listen to or sing a song of praise

Prayer of Adoration

Praise be to you, O God, the maker of the universe,
by whose wisdom we are created and sustained.
Praise be to you, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whose love we are redeemed and forgiven.
Praise be to you, O God, the source of all holiness,
by whose Spirit we are made whole and brought to perfection.

Praise be to you, O God,
source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess, we are slow to bow before him
and to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Amen. Thanks be to God

The Peace is shared

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

Collect

Eternal God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sermon

- A written reflection is appended to these notes. The Sunday Sermon is also online¹.

THE RESPONSE

- What is your inner narrative about God? Ask the Spirit to lead you into what is true?
- What can you risk or invest for God's glory?
- Is there someone you know who needs help changing their inner transcript? How can you speak words of kindness and truth to them?

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

These prayers may help as you hold before God the needs of our nation and church. Pray them as written or allow them to lead you into your own prayers of intercession.

Prayers of Intercession

Blessèd are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified forever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:
guide them and all people in the way of

justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Inspire us to have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
in your presence may they find their strength.

We remember those who have died:
Father, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:
bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son: we pray you to accept and answer our prayers, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

listen to or sing a song or hymn

Benediction

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever more. Amen

¹ <https://durbanvillemethodist.co.za/category/sermons/>