**Opening Hymn: All people that on earth**

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| All people that on earth do dwell,  sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  come ye before him, and rejoice.  The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  without our aid he did us make;  we are his folk, he doth us feed,  and for his sheep he doth us take. | O enter then his gates with praise,  approach with joy his courts unto;  praise, laud, and bless his name always,  for it is seemly so to do.  For why? the Lord our God is good:  his mercy is for ever sure;  his truth at all times firmly stood,  and shall from age to age endure. |
| To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  the God whom heaven and earth adore,  from men and from the angel-host  be praise and glory evermore. Amen.  *Old Hundredth 334 NEH* | |

**The Collect**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you;

mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord. *Hebrews 4: 12–end*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Thuma mina**

Thuma mina. Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.

Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

*Traditional African 481 AM*

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *St Mark 10: 17–31*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Creed:**

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour**

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| Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  first-begotten from the dead,  thou alone, our strong defender,  liftest up thy people’s head.  Alleluia!  Jesu, true and living bread.  Here our humblest homage pay we;  here in loving reverence bow;  here for faith’s discernment pray we,  lest we fail to know thee now.  Alleluia!  Thou art here, we ask not how. | Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  as of old in Bethlehem,  here as there thine angels hail thee,  Branch and Flower of Jesse’s stem.  Alleluia!  We in worship join with them.  Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  once for all when thou wast slain,  in its fullness undiminished  shall for evermore remain,  Alleluia!  cleansing souls from every stain. |
| Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  stricken Rock with streaming side,  heaven and earth with loud hosanna  worship thee, the Lamb who died,  Alleluia!  risen, ascended, glorified.  *St Helen 296 NEH* | |

**Communion Hymn: Holy Spirit, living breath of God**

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| Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord, Come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see, Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me. | Holy Spirit, come abide within, May Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, In each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do. |
| Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, Giving life to all that God has made, Show Your power once again on earth, Cause Your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see.  *Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*  *Copyright © 2005 Thankyou Music* | |

**Anthem: Lord, thou hast been our refuge**

Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

The years of our age are three score years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to four score years: yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: Be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us: prosper thou, O prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handy-work.

O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,

our shelter from the stormy blast,

and our eternal home.

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*Psalm 90: 1–7, 10a, 13–14a, 17*

*and Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

**Dismissal: O Jesus I have promised**

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| O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  be thou for ever 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 let me hear thee speaking  in accents clear and still,  above the storms of passion,  the murmurs of self-will;  O speak to reassure me,  to hasten or control;  O speak, and make me listen,  thou Guardian of my soul. | 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 footmarks,  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.  *Wolvercote 420 NEH* |