

07 AUGUST 2022
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY FOR CELEBRATING
**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY SUNDAY**

Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord
~ Psalm 127:3



COMPILED BY
ANGELICAN YOUTH OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA

Welcome

Presider: We gather to worship God, who created each and every child in God's own image. We gather in the name of Christ, who welcomed and blessed the children. We gather empowered by the Holy Spirit, who moves in and among us, as we work for justice. Come let us worship God.

Angelus Prayer

**God bless the world,
Give it wisdom at this time,
Grant us relief and release,
Be with those who are ill,
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord
Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his Name, now and for ever

Collect of purity

Synaxis : Let us pray

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open all, 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.

Synaxis : Lord have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Synaxis: Let us confess our sins – we bring before God all the things we have said, thought and done that was wrong.

All: Almighty God, we are truly sorry, and we ask you to forgive us and help us to do always what is right.

Absolution

Presider: God of love, you are always ready to forgive. We thank you for your forgiveness, in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen

Presider : For Young People (Collect)

Father of everlasting compassion you see your children growing up in an uncertain world. Show them the path of life enable them to triumph over failure and frustrations to hold fast their Faith in you and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Parish Prayer

Ministry of the Word

First Reading : Daniel 10:11-12

Psalm 8

(for children)- from let's say a Psalm by Silvia Purdie

**God, our living God,
You are amazing!
You are higher than I can look
You are wider than I can see.**

But I can hear you- Listen!
We can hear you in the laughter of a little Child,
We can hear you in the babbling of a baby,
You don't need words to tell us of your Power,

Why do you need us at all?
We are so small, and the world is so big,
The stars are so many, and space is so enormous.

**God, our living God, you are amazing!
You made everything.
Why do I matter?**

But we do matter!
God cares for us most of all, and through
Us God cares for all the world.

You put everything into our care,
All the animals, all the birds, and all of the fish,
Everything that creeps or flies or runs or swims, even the land and the air and the sea.

**It is all ours to look after.
God, our living God, you are amazing!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading : Ephesians 4: 29-32

Gradual Chorus: MP 853 I love to hear the story

I love to hear the story
Which angel voices tell,
How once the King of Glory
Came down on earth to dwell;
I am both weak and sinful,
But this I surely know:
The Lord came down to save me
Because he loved me so.

I'm glad my blessed Saviour
Was once a child like me,
To show how pure and holy
His little ones might be;
And if I try to follow
His footsteps here below,
He never will forget me
Because he loves me so.

To tell his love and mercy
My sweetest songs I'll raise;
For though I cannot see him,
I know he hears my praise;
For He Himself has promised
That even I may go
To sing among the angels,
Because he loves me so.

Gospel Reading : Mark 6: 49-50

Homily

Children's Creed

I believe in God , the Father
I believe in Jesus, God's Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
We Praise you!

Prayers

For Sunday school teachers

Lord, inspire more leaders to step forward and teach the next generation how to lead and love others in your name. Strengthen and equip them to show your love to the precious children in their communities.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

For children

Lord God, we praise you that you are fully in control of all things. We pray that You protect our children. Keep them healthy and help them to thrive. We thank you that you know every hair on their head, you know exactly when they rise and when they fall. Watch over our children in every area of their life and keep them safe we pray.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

For parents and caretakers

Strengthen them in mind and body. Provide for their needs. Let them continue walking with you in grace and growing in Your wisdom. You have blessed them with the joy and care of children, may children experience security, peace and purpose through them.

Amen!

Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Peace be with you.

Prayer for Presentation of Gifts

Faithful Father, thank you for the gifts of eternal life. Everything we have is a gift from you. We bring our offerings to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

The Lord's prayer

Our father in heaven hallowed be your Name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Prayer of preparation:

Almighty and everlasting God

**we approach the sacrament of your only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ;
as sick, we come to the physician of life;
as unclean, to the fountain of mercy;
as blind, to the light of eternal splendour;
as needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth;
as naked, to the King of glory. Amen**

Spiritual Communion prayer (APB p 516)

One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to them in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.

**Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer
But hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen**

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God, comfort of the hurt and healer of the broken you have fed us at the table of life and hope. Teach us the way of gentleness and peace, and make us the ministers of your compassion; that all the world may acknowledge the reign of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Father almighty
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out into the world
in the power of the Holy Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.**

Prayer for Africa

**God bless Africa
Protect our Children
Transform our leaders**

**Heal our communities
Restore our dignity
And give us peace
For Jesus Christ's sake
Amen !**

Blessings

Go forth knowing that you are a precious child of God. Go forth to cherish every child of God. Go Forth to protect and seek justice for children, and the communion of the spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate, be with you and every child of God, this day forth and forever more. Amen!

Dismissal (APB 129)

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

Message from the Provincial Children's ministry officer

To the children of the Anglican community, life is not easy, you will fall into many traps of life but please do not allow it to happen, pray at all times and God will hear and respond. Enjoy the fruits of life and always listen to your parents/caretakers when they teach you about life. You are the future of this country and we want to see you prosper and achieve bigger things. Roar young lions.

~ Nthabeleng Lesitsi

Thank you !!! God is good, all the time