



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 24th May,
Commemoration of the Ascension



God's grace as you prepare for Worship. A Note about this Order.

First, there are a number of places that 'Link' to other websites that are in 'blue and underlined'. If you are reading this on-line, and click on these links, they should lead you to the Bible Readings and Songs.

Also, throughout this Service are various for Songs. You may choose a hymn, a song, or where they are listed a children's song.

May you experience God's blessings in your worship.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May God's grace be with you as you Worship the LORD.

The following is a prayer you may wish to pray for Worship

LORD God, loving heavenly Father:

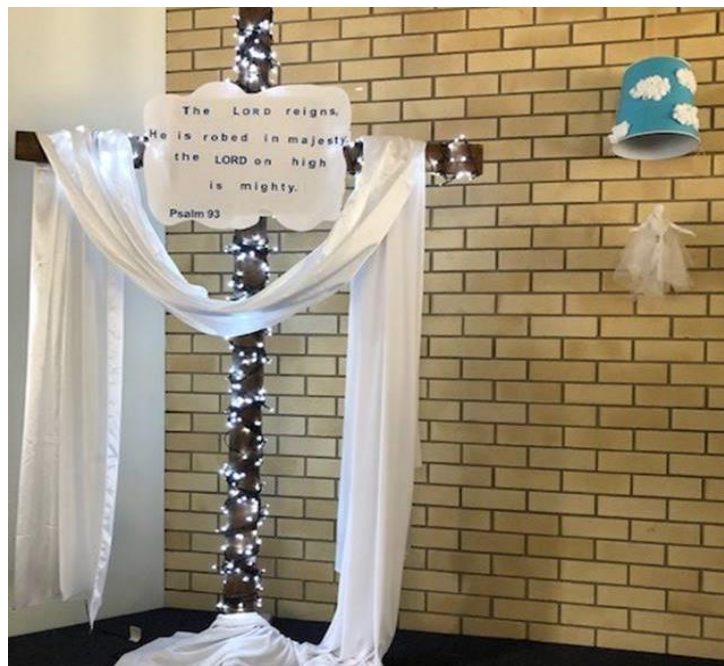
You loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son to be our Saviour.

You allowed Him to empty Himself of His heavenly glory
and become a suffering servant.

And You have raised Him in glory and seated Him at Your right hand.

By the power of Your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts this day,
that we may see Your glory and live in the hope to which You have called us;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

IN OUR WORSHIP THIS DAY WE REMEMBER THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



You may wish to listen the "Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus--Beethoven Oratorio" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to "Psalm 24: The Triumphal Ascension of Christ" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to "Agnus Dei" by Michael W. Smith [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to "Be still and know" by Jeremy Riddle [CLICK HERE](#)

OPENING SENTENCES: 1 Peter 5:7

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Give all your worries and cares to God,
for He cares about you.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SONG

You may wish to read or sing a Hymn such as Hymn 166 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

You may wish to listen to this as a Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or if you wish to listen to this in a song version [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song " Behold our God" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "Alive" [CLICK HERE](#)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Call to Confession

(based on Hebrews 4:15-16)

Our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses,
and can sympathise, because he was tested in every way we are,
only without sinning. So let's come boldly to the throne of grace,
where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.

A Prayer for Confession

LORD God,
forgive us for so often failing to grasp the wonder of Ascension,
for living each day as though it had never been.
Forgive the smallness of our vision, the narrowness of our outlook,
the weakness of our love, the nervousness of our witness,
and our repeated failure to recognise the fullness of Your revelation in Christ.
Give us a deeper sense of wonder, a stronger faith,
and a greater understanding of all you have done.

Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us.
Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins.
By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will,
and make us obedient to Your word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us,
and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name
He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

INTROIT: From Psalm 93

¹ The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

² Your throne was established long ago; You are from all eternity.

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty.

³ The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea –
the LORD on high is mighty.

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty.

⁵ Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns Your house for endless days.

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE

LORD Jesus Christ, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to You:

have mercy on us.

LORD Jesus Christ, the power of Your peace embraces the whole universe:

have mercy on us.

LORD Jesus Christ, You are with us to the close of the age:

have mercy on us.

HYMN OF ADORATION: THIS IS THE FEAST

*You may wish to say the following, or if you click on the Link,
you may join in singing this Song of Praise. [CLICK HERE](#)*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that Christ will rule over all

LORD God, eternal Father:
we thank You that Your Son Jesus ascended to Your right hand,
to rule over all things as Lord.
Keep your church in the unity that the Spirit gives,
and bring all creation to submit to Christ as Lord.
For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: [Acts 1:1-11](#) Jesus' ascension, promise and commission

SECOND READING: [Ephesians 1:15-23](#) Christ is the supreme Lord over all things

ALLELUIA VERSE

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations;
and I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: [Luke 24:44-53](#) Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples

After the Gospel you may wish to pray this prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
thank You for loving us and sending the Spirit to help us.
Teach us to love You and one another.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

To view the Children's Message Video [CLICK HERE](#)

SONG

You may wish to read or sing a Hymn such as Hymn 111 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

You may wish to listen to this as a Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song " High in the heavens" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "My Redeemer Lives" [CLICK HERE](#)

SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon

To view Pastor's Sermon Video [CLICK HERE](#)

If you wish to access written Sermon Notes [CLICK HERE](#)

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

SONG

You may wish to read or sing a Hymn such as Hymn 152 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

You may wish to listen to this as a Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or if you wish to listen to this in a song version [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song " Transfiguration" [CLICK HERE](#)

You may wish to listen to the song "Jesus You are my Best Friend" (for children) [CLICK HERE](#)

OFFERTORY: PSALM 51:1-12

*You may wish to sing or say the following,
or if you click on the Link, you may join in singing this Song of Praise.*

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

PRAYER TIME

*Our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ, has been raised to the right hand of God.
Let us pray that He would intercede for the world, the church, and all our needs.*

You are invited to spend some time in Prayer.

You may wish to read The Prayer of the Church in "The Service Without Communion"

Or you may wish to reflect on the various Prayer Points as below (and additional Prayer Points in the Bulletin)

LORD God:

It is Your love that is revealed in the life and death of Jesus,
it is Your power that is seen in His resurrection,
and it is Your majesty that is made known
by His ascension into heaven to be at Your side.

Help us, O God, to always keep Your power and Your authority
and Your love and Your majesty in our minds,
and to never neglect the doing of Your will.

You may wish to continue with the following as prayer points for today, and in the week ahead:

LORD God, loving Father: through You we live and move and have our being. And so we pray for:

- * all affected by the coronavirus COVID-19: the poor around the world who have no income; countries that have significant death tolls; those in authority that we are granted wisdom as lockdown restrictions are eased;
- * all schools and places of work transitioning to face-to-face interactions;
- * all who rule and govern that enact laws that care for all people, and that they seek to care for human life from conception through to old age;
- * all in need around the world, including those affected by war or disaster (including all affected by Cyclone Amphan across India and Bangladesh; locust plague in east Africa), and all refugees including Rohingya, Syria, Myanmar, South Sudan, Yemen);
- * all who are troubled and afraid that they may the presence of our loving God;
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones that hope and comfort is found in Christ Jesus;

LORD God, loving Jesus: You suffered for sins once for all, that You might bring us to God.
And so we pray for:

- * the Church on earth that we would love Jesus and keep His word;
- * those who suffer for what is right, including those experience persecution for their faith in Jesus;
- * local Christian Congregations and ministries (including Chaplaincy in Schools, and welfare activities across the Peninsula that seek to minister to people in need);

LORD God, loving Spirit: You are our Companion and Helper. And so we pray for:

- * our 'Community of Grace', and for God's guiding and blessing on our life together;
- * all who rejoice in the birth of a child, or who are looking forward to the birth of a child;
- * all who rejoice in birthdays, baptism anniversaries, wedding anniversaries;
- * the those who are sick and desire healing, the housebound, and all in need in whatever way;

LORD God,

we praise and thank You for making us Your children,
not through our own power and piety

but through our baptism into crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Lead us to daily to You that we find peace, courage and purpose.

Make us as Your church to be a witness to our Risen and Ascended Lord;

For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The following litany of the Ascension may be used.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

Jesus, King of glory, Your disciples saw you ascend into heaven:

Have mercy on us.

You are seated in glory at the right hand of the Father:

Have mercy on us.

All power in heaven and earth has been given to You, and You rule forever:

Have mercy on us.

You are adored by all God's angels:

Have mercy on us.

You have opened the kingdom of God to all who believe:

Have mercy on us.

You are able to save completely those who come to God through You:

Have mercy on us.

You promise to give whatever we ask in Your name:

Have mercy on us.

You are present through Your body and blood in the sacrament of the altar:

Have mercy on us.

You have gone to prepare a place for us:

Have mercy on us.

You will come again in glory to judge the living and dead:

Have mercy on us.

You will take us to Yourself, so that where You are, there we may be also:

Have mercy on us.

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension,

save us, good Lord.

By Your all-powerful intercession,

save us, good Lord.

By Your triumphant majesty and power,

save us, good Lord.

That we who have risen with You may set our minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth;

hear us, good Lord.

That we may be holy and without blame before You in love;

hear us, good Lord.

That we may keep Your commandments and remain in Your love;

hear us, good Lord.

That You would remain with us through the power of the Comforter;

hear us, good Lord.

That we may have peace in You;

hear us, good Lord.

That You would pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your church:

hear us, good Lord.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Give us Your peace.

Risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ,
we know that you are seated at the right hand of the Father in majesty.

Send us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may also be strengthened
to know Your constant presence with us
according to Your promise to remain with us until the end of the age.

We ask this in Your name,
for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

You may wish to say the following aloud:

The LORD bless us and keep us.

The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES: 1 Peter 5:7

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Give all your worries and cares to God,
for He cares about you.

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

You may wish to say the following aloud, or share with one another:

May God always keep you safe.

May He keep your faith in Jesus strong,
and give you eternal life.

SONG

You may wish to read or sing a Hymn such as Hymn 113 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

You may wish to listen to this as a Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or if you wish to listen to this in a song version [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song " Blessed Be Your Name" [CLICK HERE](#)

You may wish to listen to the song "Strength and Shield" (for children) [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "This little light of mine" (for children) [CLICK HERE](#)

SOME OTHER MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Angels Choir Singing: Jesus Christ the Redeemer" [CLICK HERE](#)

"Let Your Living Water Flow" by Vinesong [CLICK HERE](#)

"Our Great God" by Fernando Ortega with Mac Powell [CLICK HERE](#)

"High Priest" by Rivers and Robots [CLICK HERE](#)

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*We pray that you experience God's presence in your worship as you meditate on His Word.
If you have any Prayer or Praise points, or any suggestions, please send an email to Pastor Mark
(mark.brinkmann@lca.org.au). May God's grace and blessing be with you.*

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