



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH REDCLIFFE
SERVICE ORDER FOR 11th April,
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father:
Your Son appeared to His disciples in their hour of fear,
and offered them peace to still their hearts.
Breathe upon us again, O Holy Spirit,
that we have courage to be bold in what we believe,
and may be a sign of Your love in this world;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: John 20:21

*Jesus said to them again,
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INVOCATION

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

SONG: LHS 95: He is risen! (click [here](#))

**He is risen, He is risen! Tell it with a joyful voice:
He has burst His three days' prison, let the whole wide world rejoice.
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.**

**Come with high and holy gladness, sing our Lord's triumphant song:
not one touch of twilight sadness dims His resurrection morn;
brightly dawns the radiant east, brighter far our Easter feast.**

**He is risen, He is risen! He has opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
soon a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.**

CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

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: Psalm 133

¹ *How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in peace!*

² *It's like the special olive oil
that was poured on Aaron's head.
It ran down on his beard
and on the collar of his robe.*

**How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in peace!**

³ *It's as if the dew of Mount Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
There the LORD gives His blessing.
He gives life that never ends.*

**How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in peace!**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for faith in our risen Lord

[silence]

Almighty and merciful God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
for all who put their trust in him.

Raise us up from the death that comes with sin,
and give us the new life of faith in Christ,
so that we may always live to please you.

We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 The believers share their possessions

³²All the believers were agreed in heart and mind. They didn't claim that anything they had was their own. Instead, they shared everything they owned. ³³With great power the apostles continued their teaching. They were telling people that the Lord Jesus had risen from the dead. And God's grace was working powerfully in all of them. ³⁴So there were no needy persons among them. From time to time, those who owned land or houses sold them. They brought the money from the sales. ³⁵They put it down at the apostles' feet. It was then given out to anyone who needed it.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2 We have life and light through Jesus

^{1:1}That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—
³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practise the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may

not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world

After the reading
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Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After He said this, He showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as the twin), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.' ²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

Lord Jesus, thank you for letting Thomas doubt,
and for showing yourself after your resurrection.
Strengthen our faith in you as the living Son of God.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

SONG: Listen to the words (Peace be with you). (click [here](#))

Listen to the words of the risen Christ: peace be with you.
Come and see His hands and the wound in His side:
peace be with you.

With the eyes of faith are you ready to see? Peace be with you.
Come with all your doubts for it's time to believe:
peace be with you, peace be with you.

Let the breath of God now fill me; wholeness, fullness, life within me.
Full forgiveness given freely, I receive as Jesus sends me.

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peace be with you, peace be with you.

SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon
For Church YouTube Channel (click [here](#))

SONG: What love, my God? (click [here](#))

What love, my God, would bring You down to earth?

What king would take a low and lonely birth?

Yet to this dark and broken place You came to sleep beneath the stars that You had made.

What love, my God, would send the Way of Life to walk the road, rejected and despised?

That You might know the weakness I possess and be my rock of strength and righteousness.

O Your love, my God, like a flood; as heaven opened up, pouring out on us.

O praise the King who came to the world in His love like a mighty flood.

What love, my God, could hold You to the tree to bear that overwhelming debt for me?

The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side; the Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die.

O Your love, my God, like a flood; as heaven opened up, pouring out on us.

O praise the King who came to the world in His love like a mighty flood.

What love my God, so gracious and extreme was strong enough to come and fight for me?

To go through hell and down into the grave, and raise me up to see You face to face.

You raise me up to see You face to face.

O Your love, my God, like a flood; as heaven opened up, pouring out on us.

O praise the King who came to the world in His love like a mighty flood;

in His love like a mighty flood.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Lord calls us to draw close and examine the wounded hands and feet of the Risen One and to know the depth of his love for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord our Father, as Jesus entered the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, so enter our hearts and move us to faith in Jesus as the Risen One. Convince us of the reality and significance of the resurrection, and free us from all manner of fears and phobias. Give us courage in the face of death, knowing that this is the gateway to new resurrected life for those who trust in Christ.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Be with your church throughout the world so that its preaching and works of love may continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection. Wherever your church is faithless and lacking in courage to do the work that Jesus has given, visit it and build it up with your Spirit. Be with all our pastors so that they may listen well and then speak with Christ's authority.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Bring peace to all parts of the earth. Wherever nations are at war and people are divided, visit and bring true reconciliation. Especially protect all Christian people in these nations, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Wherever homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness, and wherever relationships are distorted and dulled, visit and bring peace and harmony. Wherever young people are gathered in your name, visit and guide them with your holy word and wisdom.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Visit and comfort the sick and suffering too, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs including *(insert names)*. Support them all with your great love and mercy, and be with those others known to us and whom we now name in our hearts...

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, we present these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 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.**

THE BLESSING

*Let us bless the LORD.
God be praised forevermore.*

*How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in peace!*

*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!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BIBLE VERSE

John 20:21

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"Peace be with you.
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"Peace be with you.
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GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May you believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God
and may you have life in His name.*

**May you believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God
and may you have life in His name.**

WORDS OF SENDING

*Go forth into the world;
knowing that Christ has touched you with His love.*

**We go as those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.**

Go forth knowing that the risen Christ leads the way.

**We go as those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.**

Go forth; bold to act for love and justice.

**We go as those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.**

*Blessed are you who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.*

Go in peace as witnesses of the Risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

SONG: May the peace of God (Benediction Hymn) (click [here](#))

**May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

**And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of
heaven we declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of Kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion, make us one in spirit and in heart.**

**And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of
heaven we declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of Kings. Christ eternal, the King of Kings.**

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Acts 4 : 32-35

LHS

- 502 This is the day the Lord hath made G6
- 519 While yet the morn is breaking* G4
- 761 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing G3
- 773 Filled with the Spirit's power G7
- 842 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing G3
- 844 Sent out by God's blessing G6

AT

- 479 For living, for dying

Second reading: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

LHS

- 103 I know that my Redeemer lives* G3
- 168 O blessed Sun, whose splendour G4
- 291 Thy table I approach* G5
- 358 Renew me, O eternal Light* G3
- 378 Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God G7
- 396 Lead Thou me on, Thou kindly, heavenly Light
- 505 Father, who the light this day G4
- 528 Christ, whose glory fills the skies G5
- 760 All shall be well!

AT

- 126 The light of Christ
- 217 Lord, the light of your love is shining
- 244 We have seen the Word of Life
- 275 In our darkness
- 307 Walking in the light
- 490 When human voices cannot sing (funeral)

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

LHS

- 76 Gathered here, O gracious Lord and Saviour* G8
- 99 Welcome, Thou Victor in the strife* G6
- 113 Crown Him with many crowns (esp vv 1,3,4) G5
- 128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God* G5
- 131 Holy Ghost, with light divine* G5
- 513 Peace to soothe all grief and woe G5
- 528 Christ, whose glory fills the skies G5
- 765 O sons and daughters, let us sing G8

770 Yours is the glory G6
803 Peace with the Father G7
AT
148 Born for resurrection
150 Sing a new song
235 In your hand, my Saviour
240 My peace I give
305 Thuma mina
343 Jesus, come and stand among us
406 Peace