



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH REDCLIFFE
SERVICE ORDER FOR 18th April,
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



WELCOME TO WORSHIP:

Lord God, your own Son was humiliated
to lift up fallen humanity
and to rescue us
from the dangers of everlasting death.
Give eternal joy to your faithful people.
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.

OPENING SENTENCE: John 12:24

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INVOCATION

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

SONG: Behold our God (click [here](#))

**Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice: All creation rises to rejoice.**

**Behold our God seated on His throne; come let us adore Him!
Behold our King – nothing can compare; come let us adore Him!**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?**

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**Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave; Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign!**

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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 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

With my whole heart I seek You, O LORD.

² How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods^(b)?^(c)

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

With my whole heart I seek You, O LORD.

⁴ Tremble and^(d) do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

With my whole heart I seek You, O LORD.

⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"

Let the light of your face shine on us.

⁷ Fill my heart with joy

when their grain and new wine abound.

With my whole heart I seek You, O LORD.

⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, LORD,

make me dwell in safety.

With my whole heart I seek You, O LORD.

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 the assurance of Christ's presence.

[silence]

Almighty and merciful God,

you made the disciples glad

by the sight of the risen Lord.

Remind us that he is always with us,

and that we now share in his resurrection.

For he lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19 Peter's message in the temple

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7 We are children of God

³See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, ^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

After the reading
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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48 Christ has fulfilled the scriptures

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?" ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

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

Let us pray:
Thank you, Lord Jesus, for appearing to your disciples
and explaining the Scriptures.
Make us witnesses of your new life.
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: LH 159 O for a thousand tongues to sing (click [here](#))

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King, the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears is life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.**

**Look unto him, you nations; own your God, you fallen race;
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid, the Lamb who makes you whole.
His soul was once an offering made for every human soul.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, you lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of your name.**

SERMON

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

SONG: LHS 161 How Sweet The Name of Jesus Is (click [here](#))

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place;
My never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
By Thee my prayers acceptance gain, although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, and I am owned a child.
Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We are God's children, so let us come to him in prayer in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us pray

Dear heavenly Father, we pray for the church, that it may proclaim the good news of our Lord's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins to all nations. Open our minds to your word, so that we may be good witnesses of our risen Lord.

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

Guide all Christian parents to bring up their children in the faith. Thank you for the schools of our church and our Sunday Schools and the teachers who bring the good news of salvation to young people. Open up the minds of our children to your loving word.

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

We pray for those who are searching for meaning and purpose. Bring them to hear and understand the scriptures, and so to learn from Jesus himself the riches you have for them. Open up minds to seek the truth, and help us continue in faithful worship and study, prayer and praise.

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

Move us to see the wounded and hurt people in our world, and to help where we can. Bring peace and harmony to countries in need of stability and good government.

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

Have mercy on those who are physically disabled or otherwise debilitated, Lord. And bless those who help them. Open up hearts and minds to the needs of others, and extend compassion and care in our community.

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

Watch over our brothers and sisters who are sick or injured, including (*insert names*). Bring them to good health and give them firm confidence in your never-failing love. And meet the needs of all we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts ... (*brief silence*)

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

Father, you have made us your children through baptism and the Holy Spirit. Open your word to us, so that we may witness to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for he 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.

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 12:24

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GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May the light of God's face shine on you
and be gracious to you
and fill your heart with joy.*

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WORDS OF SENDING

You are the children of God
Go in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

SONG: AT 296 Here I am, Lord (click [here](#))

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Acts 3:12-19

LHS

- 100 Awake, my heart, rejoicing* G5
- 159 O for a thousand tongues to sing* G5
- 161 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds G5
- 311 O faithful God, we worship Thee
- 452 O bless the Lord, my soul

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- 274 In Jesus' name
- 398 A child of God

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-7

LHS

- 265 How blest are they who hear God's Word* G3
- 323 Blessed are the sons of God* G4
- 398 Lord Jesus, think on me G5
- 468 O praise ye the Lord
- 805 We are heirs of the Father GS

AT

- 12 We are heirs of the Father
- 398 A child of God

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

LHS

- 90 Christ the Lord is risen again G8
- 99 Welcome, Thou victor in the strife* G6
- 104 Awake, my heart, thy praises sing* G5
- 221 Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word* G5
- 769 With high delight let us unite G7

AT

- 148 Born for resurrection
- 240 My peace I give
- 406 Peace