



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order For 1st August, Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father:
your Word declares that You have taken away our iniquity,
and that You remember our sin no more.
Remind us that there is but one Body and one Spirit,
and one hope of our calling,
so that we may all truly be of one heart,
and that with one mind glorify You,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: John 6:35

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Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."*

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INVOCATION

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

O Come to the Altar (click [here](#))

**Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling... Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling...**

**O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait;
Jesus is calling... Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
from the ashes a new life is born: Jesus is calling...**

**O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Oh what a Saviour! Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen. Bow down before Him
for He is Lord of all. Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen.**

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**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you found.**

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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 51 (selected verses)

*¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your unfailing love;
according to Your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.*

*² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.*

Create in me a pure heart, O God.

*³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.*

*⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

*⁶ Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb;
You taught me wisdom in that secret place.*

Create in me a pure heart, O God.

⁷ *Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.*

⁸ *Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones You have crushed rejoice.*

⁹ *Hide Your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.*

Create in me a pure heart, O God.

¹⁰ *Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

¹¹ *Do not cast me from Your presence
or take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

¹² *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.*

Create in me a pure heart, O God.

**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 bread of life.

[silence]

God, our source and our goal,
you have made us to hunger and thirst for you.

Satisfy our hunger
with the bread that gives real life,
your Son Jesus Christ.

For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a David's sin is condemned

²⁶ When Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah had died, she mourned for him. ²⁷ When the time of mourning ended, David had her brought to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son. However, the LORD considered what David had done to be evil. ^{12:1} So the LORD sent Nathan to David. When he arrived, he said to him: "There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised it, and it

grew up, living with him and his children. It shared his meagre food and drank from his cup; it slept in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now a traveller came to the rich man, but the rich man could not bring himself to take one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare for the traveller who had come to him. Instead, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for his guest. ⁵ David was infuriated with the man and said to Nathan: "As the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶ Because he has done this thing and shown no pity, he must pay four lambs for that lamb." ⁷ Nathan replied to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD God of Israel says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master's house to you and your master's wives into your arms, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah, and if that was not enough, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why then have you despised the command of the LORD by doing what I consider evil? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife as your own wife—you murdered him with the Ammonite's sword. ¹⁰ Now therefore, the sword will never leave your house because you despised Me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own wife.' ¹¹ "This is what the LORD says, 'I am going to bring disaster on you from your own family: I will take your wives and give them to another before your very eyes, and he will sleep with them publicly. ¹² You acted in secret, but I will do this before all Israel and in broad daylight.'" ¹³ David responded to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16 Unity in the body of Christ

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ Now grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ For it says: 'When He ascended on high, He took the captives captive; He gave gifts to people.' ⁹ But what does "He ascended" mean except that He also descended to the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things. ¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ. ¹⁶ From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The bread of God
is the bread that comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35 Jesus the bread of God gives life to the world

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

²⁴Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵When they found Him on the other side of the lake, they asked Him, ‘Rabbi, when did You get here?’ ²⁶Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for Me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him God the Father has placed His seal of approval.’ ²⁸Then they asked Him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ ²⁹Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.’ ³⁰So they asked Him, ‘What sign then will You give that we may see it and believe You? What will You do?’ ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ³²Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴‘Sir,’ they said, ‘always give us this bread.’ ³⁵Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming from the Father
to give life to the world.
Help us to believe in you.

Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))

AT 172: May we be one (click [here](#))

**May we be one, bound in love for ever, growing close together day by day;
growing as God fills us with His life; we are joined in Him, He makes us one.**

**May we be one, as our Father planned it. May the love of Jesus make us strong,
no one can harm us when He is near; He has brought us peace, He makes us one.**

**May we be one – Jesus’ truth to bind us. With His body He unites us all;
dying our death He restores our life; living with us now He makes us one.**

**May we be one, sharing life together with the Father and His only Son.
Now we have life in this world of death; heaven has begun, He makes us one.
Heaven has begun, He makes us one.**

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SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon
The Sermon online will be different to the manuscript.
For Church YouTube Channel (click [here](#))

Amazing Grace – my chains are gone (click [here](#))

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me. His Word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' This is the promise of God to whom we now pray.

Heavenly Father: thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Bread of Life for the world. Forgive us for elevating earthly appetites above devotion to you. Feed us with the knowledge of Christ so that we recognise our sin and gladly repent in his name.

hear our prayer.

Feed those who hunger for righteousness and holiness with the gospel of salvation in Jesus' name, and continue to gather all your people to be fed with his body and blood for eternal life. To this end, bless Australian Lutheran College, its board, lecturers, students, and staff. And direct all pastors and teachers, evangelists and missionaries in the truth of Christ so that your people may be united in confession and witness. **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose daily need for healthy food, clean water and proper shelter goes unmet, and for those misusing what they have in the vain pursuit of pleasure. Feed them with all the good things of Christ for life now and in eternity. **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those whose lives have been broken by violence and crime. Feed them with hope and a new life in Christ. And bless our brothers and sisters in prison and those who minister to them. **hear our prayer.**

Feed those who are sick or sorrowing with healing and consolation through Christ. And meet the needs of others we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)* **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, you heard the prayers of your people in the wilderness and fed them bread from heaven despite their sin. Graciously hear us today and feed us too with the Bread of Life from heaven, even our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

*O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.*

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 6:35

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and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."*

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Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."**

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May Jesus, the bread of life,
fill you with faith, hope, and love
now and always.*

**May Jesus, the bread of life,
fill you with faith, hope, and love
now and always.**

WORDS OF SENDING

We have come together as one.
One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

We worship together as one.
**One community,
giving praise and honour to the Righteous One.**

We are empowered as one by One.
**One body and one Spirit,
called to the hope of one calling.**

Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.
One people, giving witness to the power of One.

Go in peace, bearing with one another in love.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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.**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

LHS

- 305 Today Thy mercy calls us* G3
- 309 Ah, Lord and God G5
- 313 With broken heart and contrite sigh (*alt tune 74, G3*)
- 315 Lord, to Thee I make confession* G6
- 398 Lord Jesus, think on me G5
- 850 O Father, my Father GS

AT

- 6 O Father, my Father
- 286 Lord, hear my praying (Sorrowing Song)
- 332 We are sorry

Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

LHS

- 108 The Lord ascendeth up on high G3
- 119 Come down, O Love divine G9
- 189 One is our God and Father* G6
- 191 The Church's one foundation G4
- 194 Thy hand, O God, has guided G3
- 246 Father, be Thy blessing shed* G8
- 344 Our God is love, and all His saints* G6
- 773 Filled with the Spirit's power
- 797 Blest be the tie that binds GS
- 800 May we be one GS

802 One family, we're together GS
803 Peace with the Father
859 Seek, O seek the Lord
AT
62 One family
172 May we be one
174 Bind us together
388 One body
438 It's gonna be alright

Gospel: John 6:24-35

See selection for first reading (b) plus:

LHS

259 Speak, O Lord, thy servant heareth* (*alt tune 12, G4*)
283 Zion, to thy Saviour singing* G3
287 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* (*esp vv 1,3,6,7*) *(*vv 1,3,5,6*) G5
294 O God, unseen yet ever near* G6
306 I heard the voice of Jesus say G AT 137, 453, G7
347 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah G6
639 We thank Thee, Lord, for this our food G6
837 Feed us now, Bread of life GS
838 I am the Bread of life GS

AT

79 Feed us now
137 I heard the voice of Jesus say
167 I am the Bread of life
236 Jesus the Christ said (v 1)
267 Bread of heaven
270 Eat this bread
472 As we take this bread
473 Bread for the world
474 Bread of angels
478 This is the body
479 For living, for dying