



**Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe**  
**Service Order For 6<sup>th</sup> March,**  
**First Sunday in Lent**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

LORD God, loving Father:

Your Son confronted the powers of darkness  
that obscure Your compassion and love for all of creation.

Fill us with the Spirit  
that we grow in wisdom and prayer,  
and we may witness to that saving love;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 4:8**

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**INVOCATION**

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

**LHS 71: Come to Calvary's holy mountain (click [here](#))**

**Come to Calvary's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;  
here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all,  
in a full perpetual tide, opened when our Saviour died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within;  
from infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin,  
wash your robes and make them white; you will walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent, and blind;  
here the guilty free remission, here the troubled peace may find;  
health this fountain will restore; those that drink will thirst no more.**

**Those that drink will live forever; this is Christ's renewing flood:  
God is faithful; God will never break His covenant of blood,  
signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when He was glorified.**

## **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE**

Friends in Christ: 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.

*LORD God, sweep out the corners  
where sin has accumulated,  
and uncover the places  
where we have strayed from Your truth.  
have mercy on us, LORD.*

*Open our eyes and unstop our ears  
that we may be aware of all that distracts us  
from a whole-hearted commitment to Christ.  
have mercy on us, LORD.*

*Reveal to us our half-hearted struggles,  
where we have been indifferent  
to the pain and suffering of others.  
have mercy on us, LORD.*

*Expose in us the empty and barren places  
where we have not allowed You to enter.  
have mercy on us, LORD.*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION: PSALM 51:1-3**

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your unfailing love.  
According to Your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
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: From Psalm 91**

<sup>1</sup> *You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD,  
'My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.'*  
**God will keep you safe in every way.**

<sup>9</sup> *Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge will come near your tent.*

**God will keep you safe in every way.**

<sup>11</sup> *For He will command His angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.*

<sup>12</sup> *On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.*

**God will keep you safe in every way.**

*[The LORD says], <sup>14</sup> Those who love Me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know My name.*

<sup>15</sup> *When they call to Me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.*

<sup>16</sup> *With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them My salvation.*

**God will keep you safe in every way.**

**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 strength in temptation.*

[silence]

Almighty and merciful God,  
your Son fasted in the desert  
and was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin.

Protect us when we are tempted,  
and help us to resist the devil  
by trusting in your word.

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

**Amen.**

## **BIBLE READING**

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11** Thank-offering for the mighty acts of God

When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you occupy it and live in it, <sup>2</sup> you must take the first of all the ground's produce you harvest from the land the LORD your God is giving you, place it in a basket, and go to the place where He chooses to locate His Name. <sup>3</sup> You must go to the priest in office at that time and say to him, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD promised to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> The priest will then take the basket from you and set it before the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> Then you must affirm before the LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor, and he went down to Egypt and lived there as a foreigner with a household few in number, but there he became a great, powerful, and numerous people. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated and oppressed us, forcing us to do burdensome labour. <sup>7</sup> So we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and He heard us and saw our humiliation, toil, and oppression. <sup>8</sup> Therefore the LORD brought us out of Egypt with tremendous strength and power, as well as with great awe-inspiring signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> Then He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now, look! I have brought the first of the ground's produce that You, LORD, have given me." Then you must set it down before the LORD your God and worship before Him. <sup>11</sup> You will celebrate all the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your family, along with the Levites and the resident foreigners among you.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13** The Christian confession: Jesus is Lord

<sup>8b</sup> "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **LENTEN VERSE: PHILLIPIANS 2:8** *(Sung)*

**Christ humbled Himself,  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13** Jesus tempted

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where He was being tempted by the Devil for 40 days. During that time He ate nothing at all, and when they were over He became hungry. <sup>3</sup> The Devil told Him, "Since You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One must not live on bread alone, but on every word of God.'" <sup>5</sup> The Devil also took Him to a high place and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant. <sup>6</sup> He told Jesus, "I will give You all this authority, along with their glory, because it has been given to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> So if You will worship me, all this will be Yours." <sup>8</sup> But Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.'" <sup>9</sup> The Devil also took Him into Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the Temple. He told Jesus, "Since You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> because it is written, 'God will put His angels in charge of you to watch over you carefully. <sup>11</sup> With their hands they will hold you up, so that you will never hit your foot against a rock.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It has been said, 'You must not tempt the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup> After the Devil had finished tempting Jesus in every possible way, he left Him until another time.

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
for resisting and overcoming the devil.  
Strengthen us in our temptations.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

To watch the children's message please click [here](#)

**Your will be done – CityAlight (click [here](#))**

**Your will be done, my God and Father, as in Heaven, so on earth.  
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first.**

**As Jesus walked, so I shall walk held by Your same unchanging love.**

**Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray,**

**"Father not my will, but Yours be done."**

**How in that garden He persisted, I may never fully know.  
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by Him alone.**

**What wondrous faith, to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love!**

**My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed:**

**“Father not My will, but Yours be done.”**

**When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt.**

**Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!**

**As Jesus rose, so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne.**

**My heart restored with all your saints I sing:**

**“Father not my will, but Yours be done.”**

**As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight.**

**That all the world might see Your glory and Your Name be lifted high.**

**And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home.**

**Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:**

**“Father not my will, but Yours be done.”**

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## **SERMON**

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

The Sermon online may be different to the manuscript.

For LCA Worship Resources (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.**

**AT 411: On Eagles' Wings (click [here](#))**

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:  
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Jesus was tempted by Satan for forty days. Let us pray for all who experience the trials and temptations of the world.*

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, thank you for your selfless love expressed in creation, and thank you for your ongoing commitment to this sinful world. Help us use the freedom we have to serve you well, as stewards of your good world. Bring to an end all abuse of your world and of the people you have made.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

Help us to care for the earth so that it will be a healthier place for our children and the generations to come. And give us the faith and wisdom to do our duty well, as we participate with you in creating the future. Preserve the earth from natural and man-made disaster, and bless it with good weather.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

Be with all your people in times of trouble and temptation, and remind us that our real life is with Christ. Give courage and hope to those who want to give up on life or who are afraid of the future. And provide for those who are hungry or homeless.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

Support all Christian scientists and academics, that they may meet the challenge of non-Christian ideologies and maintain their faith as they use the tools of science and philosophy. And defend Christian students against attacks on their faith too. Expose all false belief and turn people to your revealed truth.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

Watch over us in this Lenten season Lord, and draw us closer to our suffering Saviour. Strengthen those who are taking up special fasts or other spiritual disciplines at this time, and guide those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

Relieve all who are in distress, and suffering in mind, body and spirit. Give your peace and patience to those awaiting surgery or to hear the results of medical tests. Support all those 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 in heaven; receive the prayers of your sons and daughters who seek your favour. Free us from all evil, so that we may serve you in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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.**

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
will say to the LORD,*

**'My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.'**

*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 BLESSING**

*May God bless you with His love  
and may He rescue and protect you.*

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and may He rescue and protect you.**

## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*God takes care of you.*

*Go in peace.*

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **LHS 863: Blessed assurance (click [here](#))**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

#### **LHS**

- 362 What shall I give to God my Saviour\* G4  
367 O bring to the Lord your tribute of praise\* G6  
372 We give Thee but Thine own G5  
811 Praise and thanksgiving GS  
814 For the fruits of his creation G6

#### **AT**

- 265 Take us now, we are yours  
358 Gift to the world  
361 Here we are

### **Second reading: Romans 10:8b-13**

#### **LHS**

- 142 We all believe in one true God\* G3  
281 Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour G8  
386 In Thee is gladness\* G7  
405 In God, my faithful God\* G5  
411 If God be my defender\* G3  
823 Your strong Word broke through the darkness G5

#### **AT**

- 26 He is Lord  
129 Everyone, everyone  
254 I give you my joys and my sorrows  
364 In you is gladness  
455 All this I believe

### **Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

#### **LHS**

- 47 Songs of thankfulness and praise (esp v 3)\* G4  
72 Saviour, when in dust to Thee G7  
202 Help us to conquer, Thou Prince ever-living\* G3  
269 Speak forth Thy word, O Father G4  
341 Jesus, lead Thou on\* G3  
756 O Lord, throughout these forty days G5  
791 O love how deep, how broad, how high G5  
857 Low, the way is low GS  
873 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

#### **AT**

- 190 Low, the way is low  
498 We will take what you offer