



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order For 3rd April,
Fifth Sunday in Lent



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father:
as we come to You with our burdens,
You come to us with Your love in Christ.
Open our hearts to Your Spirit's presence,
and grant us the same heart of Mary
who knelt at Christ's feet in humility and faith:
in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: John 12:3

*Then Mary anointed Jesus' feet,
wiping His feet with her hair.*

The house was filled with the fragrance.

INVOCATION

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

With simple faith and childlike trust (click [here](#))

**With simple faith and childlike trust, O see the Father's love displayed –
'tis written there upon the cross where payment for our sin was made.**

**Only trust Him, only trust Him, turn to Jesus now.
He will save you, He will save you; with simple faith and childlike trust.**

**O listen, hear the Saviour call, He welcomes now the least of these.
His mercies are a fountain full, O precious sinner, come and drink.**

**Only trust Him, only trust Him, turn to Jesus now.
He will save you, He will save you; with simple faith and childlike trust.**

**O feel the Spirit's gentle work who breaks with love the fortress heart,
then speaks to it the sweetest word. O stand forgiven, child of God.**

**Only trust Him, only trust Him, turn to Jesus now.
He will save you, He will save you; with simple faith, with love and grace,
with simple faith and childlike trust.**

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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 126

¹ *When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.*

² *Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.*

*Then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'*

³ *The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.*

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.**

⁴ *Restore our fortunes, LORD,
like streams in the Negev.*

⁵ *Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.*

⁶ *Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.*

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.**

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 that by faith in Christ
we may share in His victory..*

[silence]

*Most merciful God,
you saved humankind
by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith in him who suffered on the cross,
so that we may triumph in the power of his victory.*

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

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 God promises a new deliverance for His people¹⁶ This is what the LORD says — who makes a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,¹⁷ who brings out chariots and horsemen, and armies and warriors at the same time. They lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a candle: ¹⁸ “Don’t remember the former things; don’t dwell on things past. ¹⁹ Watch! I’m about to carry out something new! And now it’s springing up— don’t you recognise it? I’m making a way in the wilderness and paths in the desert. ²⁰ Wild animals, jackals, and owls will honour Me because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give drink to My people, My chosen ones,²¹ the people whom I formed for Myself and so that they may speak My praise.”

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 Already righteous but not yet perfect

^{4b} Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in the flesh, I have even more! ⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of

the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. ⁷I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹and become one with Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with Himself depends on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead. I want to suffer with Him, sharing in His death, ¹¹so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! ¹²I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

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

LENTEN VERSE: PHILLIPIANS 2:8

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

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected, ⁵ 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of My burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me.'

*After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.*

Praise be to You, O Christ.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to our world
to suffer and die for us.*

Help us to cling to you as our Saviour.

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**

LHS 368: My faith looks up to Thee (click [here](#))

Traditional words

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine: now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O, let me from this day be wholly Thine.**

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire: as Thou hast died for me,
O, may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide; bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove; O, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.**

Ray Palmer 1808-87, alt.

SERMON

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

The Sermon online may be different to the manuscript.
For LCA Worship Resources (click [here](#))

It was finished upon that Cross (click [here](#))

**How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost.
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that Cross.**

**Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that Cross.**

**Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!**

**Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!**

**Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen!, it was finished upon that Cross.**

**Onward to eternal glory, to my Saviour and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that Cross.
It was finished upon that Cross. It was finished upon that Cross.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Our Lord received Mary's offering. Let us come before God our Father and offer our prayers
for the world, knowing that he will hear us for Jesus' sake.*

Gracious heavenly Father, we offer you our thanks, praise and love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave himself for us. Thank you for your holy church which you sustain with your powerful, life giving word. Bless your church throughout the world that all your people may celebrate the coming days of holy week with true faith and devotion. Be especially with those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation this Easter.

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

Your Son accepted the service of Martha, the friendship of Lazarus, and the devotion of Mary: bless your people everywhere who serve you in all kinds of different ways:

- for those who serve in the church, as Bishops, pastors, church workers and lay people;
- for those who serve in the home, as parents and care-givers and home-makers;
- for those who serve in the workplace, as employers and employees;
- for students and school children who serve by learning for the future;
- for those who volunteer their services in the community;
- for those who offer friendship;
- for those who pray, fast, or give generously of their time and money;
- for those who befriend the disadvantaged;
- for those whose work is dangerous.

Bless the service of all your people, and assure them that you are well pleased with their work.

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

Speak to the consciences of those who plan some evil – show them that honesty is better than falsehood, and that peace is better than violence. Give to our political leaders and citizens alike a deep commitment to goodness and mutual well-being. Keep us all from the greed and false compassion of Judas.

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

Your Son drew close to Lazarus and raised him from the dead: be near all people who are close to death, and grant them faith in you. Strengthen all who are preparing for the death of a loved one, that they may make the most of the time left to them. And help all who work among the dying: the doctors, nursing staff, chaplains and volunteers who work in hospices and nursing homes.

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

Heavenly Father, Mary honoured the Lord with her gift of perfume. May we honour you in our lives by honouring all who are in need; through Jesus Christ your Son, 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.

*The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.*

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 the Lord Jesus take hold of you with His love.

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WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace,
pressing on towards the heavenly goal.*

In the name of Christ. Amen.

LHS 514: Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise (click [here](#))
(Traditional words)

**Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;
then, lowly kneeling, wait Thy word of peace.**

**Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way:
with Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon Thy name.**

**Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night,
turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
from harm and danger keep Thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to Thee.**

**Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.**

John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

LHS

- 71 Come to Calvary's holy mountain* G5
282 Draw nigh, and take the body of the Lord* (*holy communion*)
306 I heard the voice of Jesus say G7
347 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah G6
739 When the king shall come again G4

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- 137 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Second reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

LHS

- 18 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* G5
54 When I survey the wondrous cross G5
75 We sing the praise of Him who died G5
83 Beneath the cross of Jesus G8
171 In the cross of Christ I glory G4
331 My hope is built on nothing less* G5
332 Thy works, not mine, O Christ* G8
352 Fight the good fight with all thy might* G4
361 Let us ever walk with Jesus* G5
786 In faith and hope and love

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- 206 As the deer pants
271 For the bread that we have eaten (*holy communion*)
279 Into your death we go

Gospel: John 12:1-8

LHS

- 51 Let Thy blood in mercy poured* G5
377 Take my life, and let it be* G6
385 With all my heart I love Thee, Lord* G7

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