



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 22nd May
Sixth Sunday of Easter



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father:
through a vision You sent Paul to preach the gospel
and called the women to prayer on the Sabbath.

Fill us with Your Spirit
that we may be like Paul and Lydia,
with our hearts responsive to Your Word
and open to go where You lead us;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: John 14:26

Jesus said,
"The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you"

INVOCATION

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

LHS 125: Come, gracious Spirit (click [here](#))

**Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above;
be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide, o'er every thought and step preside.**

**The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose Thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart, that we from God may ne'er depart.**

**Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from His pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.**

**Lead us to heaven, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest, to be with Him for ever blest.**

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 67

¹ *May God be gracious to us, and bless us,
and cause His face to shine on us;*

² *that Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.*

³ **Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.**

⁴ *Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
for You will judge the people uprightly,
and lead the nations on earth.*

⁵ **Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.**

⁶ *Then will the earth yield its produce,
and God, our God, will bless us.*

⁷ **God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.**

**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 fruit of the Spirit.

[silence]

Almighty and merciful God,
you send your Holy Spirit
to be the light and life of all your people.
Open our hearts to receive his riches,
so that we may produce the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace.
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 16:9-15 Paul takes the good news to Philippi

⁹ During the night a vision appeared to Paul: A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ From Troas we set sail on a straight course to Samothrace and the next day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is the main city of that part of Macedonia, and a Roman colony. We stayed in this city several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went out of the city to a riverside, where prayer was customarily offered. And we sat down and spoke to the women who had assembled. ¹⁴ A woman named Lydia, a seller of purple fabric of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us. The Lord opened her heart to acknowledge what Paul said. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptised, she entreated us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and remain there." And she persuaded us.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5 The new Jerusalem

^{21:10} And he [one of the seven angels] carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ^{21:22} I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it

light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. ⁴They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
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Jesus said,
“The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name,
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you”
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 Jesus' word concerning 'going to the Father'

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

²³ Jesus answered him [Judas, not Iscariot], ‘Those who love Me will keep My word, and My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word that you hear is not Mine, but is from the Father who sent Me. ²⁵‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard Me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved Me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is

greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for sending your promised Holy Spirit.
May the Spirit keep us close to you and the Father forever.
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**

Holy Spirit, living breath of God (click [here](#))

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.**

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](#))

Grace – CityAlight (click [here](#))

**Your grace that leads this sinner home from death to life forever,
and sings the song of righteousness by blood and not by merit.**

**Your grace that reaches far and wide to every tribe and nation,
has called my heart to enter in the joy of Your salvation.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Your grace that I cannot explain not by my earthly wisdom:
The Prince of Life, without a stain was traded for this sinner.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Let praise rise up and overflow, my song resound forever.
For grace will see me welcomed home to walk beside my Saviour.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

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And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord Jesus promised that the Father would send us his Spirit. Therefore, in the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence to the Father for all our needs.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for coming and making your home in us, despite our sin. And thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit as our teacher so that we are not alone in our learning. Help us to keep your word in our hearts and minds, and to fully engage in the life of the church as our practical school of faith.

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

We pray for all people, that they may know themselves loved and forgiven by you, for Jesus' sake. Teach us by your word and Spirit to receive your love and your presence with joy and gladness, and so to spread your word throughout the world. Support all missionaries and bring fruit to their labours.

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

We pray for the church, that it would love you by loving others. Teach us by your word and Spirit to care for those who are isolated and lonely, that we may be present for them with friendship and faith, and with hospitality and hope.

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

We pray for all nations, that there may be peace so that your word can go out unhindered. Turn us to active repentance for all wrong-doing and teach us by your word and Spirit to abandon our culture of depravity.

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

We pray for our own city/town of ... (insert name), that you may bless our daily work and family life. Teach us by your word and Spirit to honour you in all our relationships, and keep our lives free from sin and destructive behaviour.

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

We pray for all in need, for the sick and the sorrowing - provide, heal, and comfort them with your life-giving presence. Teach us by your word and Spirit to be generous in giving, wise in counsel, and persistent in care.

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

Lord God Almighty, as Lydia was taught by your word and Spirit so that she welcomed you into her heart, open our hearts also to make a home for you, and when our last hour comes take us to that heavenly City, to dwell in the everlasting light of your glorious presence, for you live and reign, 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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

let all the peoples praise You.

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 Holy Spirit teach you all things.

May the Holy Spirit teach you all things.

WORDS OF SENDING

Jesus said,

'Those who love Me will keep My word,

and My Father will love them,

and We will come to them

and make our home with them."

Go in peace

to love and serve the LORD.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

LHS 881: How Great Thou art (click [here](#))

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I feel the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: 'My God, how great Thou art!'**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

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BIBLE VERSE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Acts 16:9-15

LHS

- 227 O Spirit of the living God G5
498 Lord, open Thou my heart to hear G5
500 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word* G5

AT

- 357 Give us hearts to know you, Lord

Second reading: Revelation 21: 10,22 - 22:5

LHS

- 187 Glorious things of thee are spoken G9
210 Thy word, O God, declareth* G5
251 Only begotten, Word of God eternal* G6
276 Dearest Jesus, we are here* G5 (*baptism*)
484 Blessed are the heirs of heaven G6
506 Jesus, where'er Thy people meet G5
507 Open now thy gates of beauty* G3

AT

- 315 Drawn to the light
453 The world is waiting

Gospel(a): John 14:23-29

LHS

- 116 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove* G9
121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* G4
122 O Holy Ghost, Thou gift divine* G4
128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God* G5
129 Breathe on me, breath of God G5
178 Dearest Saviour, hear my promise G3
188 Built on a rock the Church doth stand* G4
359 Thee will I love, my strength, my treasure* G6
500 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word* G5
508 Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing*
513 Peace to soothe all grief and woe G5
803 Peace with the Father G7

AT

- 184 Love is the law
240 My peace I give
264 Spirit of God
406 Peace
487 Make your home in me
496 Don't be afraid
498 We will take what you offer