



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 8th May
Fourth Sunday of Easter



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father:
we thank You that Your Son Jesus
is the good shepherd who cares for Your people.
Fill us with Your Spirit that
our hearts are open to hear His voice,
that we know Him as He calls us by name,
and we follow wherever He leads. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: John 10:27-28

*“My sheep listen to My voice;
I know them, and they follow Me.
I give them eternal life.*

**They shall never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”**

INVOCATION

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

Blessing, honour, glory to the Lamb (click [here](#))

**Blessing, honour, glory to the Lamb, Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
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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 23 (click [here](#))

**The LORD's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again:
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

**To Father, Son, and Spirit, LORD,
the God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now,
and evermore! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we follow our Good Shepherd.

[silence]

Loving God,
we thank you that your Son Jesus
is the good shepherd
who cares for your people.
Open our hearts to hear his voice,
to know him as he calls us by name,
and to follow wherever he leads.
For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43 Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from death

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was known for her good actions and acts of charity that she was always doing. ³⁷ At that time, she got sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples heard that Peter was there and sent two men to him and begged him, "Come here quickly!" ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they took him upstairs. All the widows gathered around Peter, crying and showing him all the shirts and coats Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter made them all go outside. After kneeling down, he prayed, turned to the body, and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He extended his hand and helped her get up. Then he called the saints, including the widows, and gave her back to them alive. ⁴² What happened became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, Peter stayed in Joppa for several days with Simon, a leatherworker.

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17 The Lamb is their shepherd

⁹ After these things I looked, and here was an enormous crowd that no one could count, made up of persons from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb dressed in long white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They were shouting out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood there in a circle around

the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they threw themselves down with their faces to the ground before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Praise and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These dressed in long white robes—who are they and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ So I said to him, “My lord, you know the answer.” Then he said to me, “These are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb! ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will never go hungry or be thirsty again, and the sun will not beat down on them, nor any burning heat, ¹⁷ because the Lamb in the middle of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus said:
'My sheep hear My voice;
I know them, and they follow Me.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30 Jesus says, ‘My sheep listen to My voice’

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

²² The feast of the Dedication was then taking place in Jerusalem. It was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked about in the temple area on the Portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in My Father’s name testify to Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not among My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. Never will anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father – we are one.”

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Thank you, Jesus, our good shepherd,
for calling us into your flock.
Help us always to listen to your voice and follow you.
Amen.

MOTHERS' DAY BLESSING SLIDE

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 604: Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us (click [here](#))

**Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care;
in Your pleasant pastures feed us, keep us safely with You there.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! You have bought us, Yours we are.**

**We are Yours; O Lord, befriend us. be the guardian of our way;
keep Your flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Look upon us favourably.**

**Early let us seek Your favour, early let us do Your will;
blessèd Lord and only Saviour, come with love our hearts to fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! You have loved us, love us still.**

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](#))

All Hail the Glorious Christ ([click here](#))

**Above the earth and heaven's angels over kings and all their plans:
when every rival throne has fallen You will stand, You will stand.**

**All hail the Glorious Christ, Oh praise the Lord of Life.
For by Your sacrifice, You won the victory.
Now over all You reign, You overwhelmed the grave
and rose again on high, all hail the Glorious Christ!**

**Above our hearts and our temptations Your great love has overcome,
defeating death and condemnation: You have won, You have won.**

**All hail the Glorious Christ, Oh praise the Lord of Life.
For by Your sacrifice, You won the victory.
Now over all You reign, You overwhelmed the grave
and rose again on high, all hail the Glorious Christ!**

**And on that day upon Your mountain You will gather Your redeemed,
and we will feast and give all glory to the King, to the King.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sheep listen to the voice of their shepherd. God our Father, open our ears to hear the voice of Jesus Christ your Son, so that he may lead us to pray with him for all we need.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to you Lord God, for ever and ever, and to your beloved Son, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. God of mercy, we give you praise for your Son's victory over all the old powers of

sin and death, and bringing us, together with people of all nations, into your holy temple. Bless your holy church in every land, of every culture, of every language, that more and more people may join the great multitude before your throne. Be especially with your people in those lands where the cross is heavy, where your saints suffer for your name, and where the truth of your Son is resisted – overcome these powers, and let your light shine.

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

Bless the nations of the earth with leaders who are wise and just, with public servants who are compassionate and patient, and with citizens who are honourable and respectful. Bless all the lawful actions taken by our country. Do not let us grow weary in doing good. Bless our children. Grant that they may grow in virtue and faithfulness.

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

Let all who live in want and poverty gain a foretaste of your wonderful promise of no more hunger or thirst, even in this life, and impel all who have plenty to find ways of sharing their wealth. Bless all the resources of the earth and the labour of all workers. And grant us rain and sunshine in good measure so that we can grow sufficient food to feed our nation.

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

Have mercy on those who are lonely, tired, anxious, or despairing; on those without home, employment, or family, and especially on those who have lost hope. Remember us in our dark times, and teach us all not to worry about the future. Comfort those who mourn, those who are dying and those who care for them.

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

Loving God, you gather your sheep from all corners of the world, and do not allow even one of your flock to be lost. May we and all people hear your voice, and be gathered into the one flock of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in
the house of the LORD forever.**

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's goodness and love be with you
each day of your life.*

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WORDS OF SENDING

The Lamb of God is your shepherd.

Go in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

LHS 440: Sing praise to God

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul He fills and every pain and sorrow stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**The LORD does not forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

**So as I go along life's way, I'll sing aloud Your praises,
that all may hear the song I raise, 'You are the God who saves us'.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!**

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Acts 9:36-43

LHS

- 101 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now* G5
103 I know that my Redeemer lives* G3
479 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives* G5
764 Now the green blade rises GS
767 This joyful Eastertide G7
791 O love how deep, how broad, how high G5

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- 15 Love has come again
227 Allelu!

Second reading: Revelation 7:9-17

LHS

- 71 Come to Calvary's holy mountain* G5
211 Who are these like stars appearing? G8
212 Lo, round the throne, a glorious band G4
214 Hark! The sound of holy voices G5
436 Come, let us join our cheerful songs G8
454 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim G6
459 Worship, honour, glory, blessing G8
484 Blessed are the heirs of heaven G6
644 Praise forever, thanks and blessing G8
794 What wondrous love is this, O my soul GS

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- 145 What wondrous love is this, O my soul
212 Hush now
345 Nothing but the blood
443 Like an angel

Gospel: John 10:22-30

LHS

- 184 How blest the flock of Jesus Christ, the Saviour (vv 1,3)
188 Built on a rock the Church doth stand* (v 5) G4
386 In Thee is gladness* G7
400 From God shall nought divide me* G3
602 I am Jesus' little lamb* G8
607 Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep G5
827 Good Shepherd, take this lamb (*baptism*)
842 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing G3

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- 364 In you is gladness
438 It's gonna be alright
470 I'm so secure