



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 26th June
Third Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God,
You brought Elijah into Your mighty presence,
in the power of Your love:
As You bring us together in worship,
renew in us the gift of the Spirit,
that we may always follow Christ as Saviour;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 9:23

Then Jesus said to them all:

**“Whoever wants to be My disciple
must deny themselves
and take up their cross daily
and follow Me.”**

INVOCATION

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

O Breath of God (click [here](#))

**O Breath of God come fill this place, revive our hearts to know Your grace;
and from our slumber, make us rise, that we may know the risen Christ.**

**O Word of God so clear and true renew our minds to trust in You
and give to us the bread of life that we may know the risen Christ.**

**O love of God so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect on Your sacrifice that we may know the living Christ.**

**May God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit make us one;
in holiness let us unite that we may know the risen Christ.**

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.

PSALM: From Psalm 77

*¹ I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, and He will hear me.*

*² In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.*

*¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember Your wonders of old.*

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

*¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
You have made known Your might among the peoples.*

*¹⁵ You with Your arm redeemed Your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.*

*¹⁶ When the waters saw You, O God,
when the waters saw You, they were afraid;
indeed, the deep trembled.*

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

*¹⁸ Your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.*

*¹⁹ Your way was through the sea,
Your path through the great waters;
yet Your footprints were unseen.*

*²⁰ You led Your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our 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.**

KYRIE

LORD, open heaven for us:
LORD, have mercy.

LORD, enable us to follow You:
.Christ, have mercy.

*LORD, give us Your Spirit of love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, humility, and self-control:*
LORD, have mercy.

SONG OF ADORATION: This is the Feast of Victory (click [here](#))

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we are led by the Holy Spirit.

[silence]

Christ our Saviour,
thank you for setting us free
from slavery to sin
and the condemnation of the law.
Make us alive by your Spirit,
and ready to follow and serve you.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1,2,6-14 Elijah taken to heaven

² When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' And he replied, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on. ⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?' 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied. ¹⁰ 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.' ¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. ¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. 'Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1,13-25 Freedom in Christ to live by the Spirit

⁵ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'^[b] ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[c] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
*(Jesus said:) 'Let the dead bury their own dead;
but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62 The cost of following Jesus

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them^[a]?' ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, 'Foxes have

dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’⁵⁹ He said to another man, ‘Follow me.’ But he replied, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’⁶¹ Still another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.’⁶² Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.’

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

Lord Jesus,
thank you for giving up everything for us.
Help us wholeheartedly to follow you.
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 336: 'Come, follow Me', the Saviour said

Traditional Words (click [here](#))

**“Come, follow Me,” the Saviour said, “All in My way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide, take My example for your guide.”**

**“I am the Light, I light the way, a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show how you must sojourn here below.”**

**“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
and gracious words My lips express, with meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, to God I yield, on Him I call.”**

**“I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul’s salvation,
your heart from every guile to free, from sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul and lead you to your heavenly goal.”**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed
and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle’s strain the crown of life will not obtain.**

Johann Scheffler (1624-1677) St.3: 1695
Tr. Charles William Schaeffer, 1912

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](#))

Hymn Of The Holy Spirit (click [here](#))

**Holy Spirit guide my vision, help me see the way You see:
always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all, as Christ in me.**

**Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound.
Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.**

**You're the light, You're my path, You're the Shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit lead me on.**

**Holy Spirit guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak;
in the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me,
let Your voice be clear to me.**

**You're the light, You're my path, You're the Shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit lead me on.**

**Holy Spirit lead me onward, walking through the great unknown,
trusting, leaning, holding, clinging till the day You lead me home.**

**You're the light, You're my path, You're the Shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit lead me on,
Holy Spirit lead me on.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks
what You have first given us
– ourselves, our time, and our possessions –
as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love.
Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself for us. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Guided by the Spirit, let us come in prayer to our Father in heaven in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear heavenly Father, you have freed us from the condemnation of your law, and from slavery to sin by the saving work of your Son, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep us in step with the Spirit, always trusting in Christ for our salvation, rejecting sin and struggling against our sinful natures, and showing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

LORD, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church throughout the world, that you would keep it in step with the Spirit in truth and love. Strengthen the resolve of all who have given up things to follow Christ, and open ears everywhere to his call.

LORD, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, that you would free them from hatred and violence and from every evil. Bring peace and good government where there is unrest. Move all rightful authorities to perform their duties properly in obedience to your will so that you may bless the world through them.

LORD, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who suffer oppression and injustice. Feed the hungry, house the homeless, and give worthwhile work to all who need it. Bless the work of Lutheran Community Care, and keep us in step with the Spirit by contentment with simple things and generous giving to those in need.

LORD, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with whom we share our daily lives. Bless them all, and keep us in step with the Spirit so we love even the unlovely. Release all bound up in sin and unbelief, and let them know the freedom and joy of Christ.

LORD, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in trouble or distress, the lonely, the sorrowing, the sick. Release them from anxiety and pain, and heal them, together with others we know to be in need and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

LORD, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, when the time is right release us from the struggle of discipleship and bring us with all your saints into the freedom of everlasting life, through your Son, 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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

*I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember Your wonders of old.*

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 love enable you to follow Jesus.

May God's love enable you to follow Jesus.

WORDS OF SENDING

Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Go in peace as children of God through faith.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

LHS 430: From all who dwell below the skies (click [here](#))

**From all who dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song. To every land the strains belong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, LORD, eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): 2 Kings 2:1,2,6-14

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Second reading: Galatians 5:1,13-25

LHS

- 58 Lord, little can I offer (Pt II) G3
- 130 O enter, Lord, Thy temple* G4
- 295 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee and adore Thee* G3
- 296 My maker, be Thou nigh* G5
- 379 Lord of creation, to Thee be all praise G6
- 381 O God, our Father, throned on high G7 (*alt tune* 391, G9)
- 773 Filled with the Spirit's power G7
- 774 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling G6
- 775 Let every Christian pray G7
- 814 For the fruits of his creation G6
- 855 Brother, let me be your servant GS

AT

- 156 He sets us free
- 184 Love is the law
- 191 The servant song
- 192 Spirit of peace
- 264 Spirit of God
- 481 Free to dance

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**LHS**

- 151 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me* G5
- 336 'Come, follow me', the Saviour spake* G3
- 361 Let us ever walk with Jesus * G5
- 371 O Jesus, I have promised G5
- 385 With all my heart I love Thee, Lord* G7
- 788 Lord, who left the highest heaven G8

AT

- 307 Walking in the light
- 372 Teach me your way
- 401 Follow me
- 413 The summons