



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 17th July
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father;
as Martha and Mary opened their home
to receive Jesus and His disciples,
open our hearts to receive Christ.

Fill us with Your Spirit
that we may listen to Your Word,
and be led to care for people in their needs;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 10:41-42

*But the Lord answered her,
"Martha, Martha,
you are worried and upset about many things.
Only one thing is important.*

**Mary has chosen the better thing,
and it will never be taken away from her."**

INVOCATION

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

LHS 140: Holy, Holy (click [here](#))

Traditional words

**Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

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 15

¹ *LORD, who may enter your Holy Tent?*

Who may live on your holy mountain?

² *Only those who are innocent
and who do what is right.*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Such people speak the truth from their hearts

³ *and do not tell lies about others.*

They do no wrong to their neighbours and do not gossip.

⁴ *They do not respect hateful people
but honour those who honour the LORD.*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

*They keep their promises to their neighbours,
even when it hurts.*

⁵ *They do not charge interest on money they lend
and do not take money to hurt innocent people.*

Whoever does all these things will never be destroyed.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see 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

In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

LORD, have mercy.

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the LORD.*

LORD, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing
of the church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the LORD.*

LORD, have mercy.

*For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the LORD.*

LORD, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

Amen.

SONG OF ADORATION (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 gladly hear the words of Christ.

[silence]

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for coming from God
and reconciling us to him.

Teach us to listen to your words,
and treasure them more than anything else.

For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Amos 8:1-12 The basket of fruit; Israel's doom

¹ The LORD and King gave me a vision. He showed me a basket of ripe fruit. ² “What do you see, Amos?” He asked. “A basket of ripe fruit,” I replied. Then the LORD said to me, “The time is ripe for My people Israel. I will no longer spare them. ³ “The time is coming when the songs in the temple will turn to weeping,” announces the LORD and King. “Many, many bodies will be thrown everywhere! So be quiet!” ⁴ Listen to Me, you who walk all over needy people. You crush those who are poor in the land. ⁵ You say, “When will the New Moon feast be over? Then we can sell our grain. When will the Sabbath day come to an end? Then

people can buy our wheat.” But you measure out less than the right amount. You raise your prices. You cheat others by using dishonest scales. ⁶You buy poor people to make slaves out of them. You buy those who are in need for a mere pair of sandals. You even sell the worthless parts of your wheat. ⁷People of Jacob, you are proud that the LORD is your God. But He has made a promise in His own name. He says, “I will never forget anything Israel has done. ⁸“The land will tremble because of what will happen. Everyone who lives in it will mourn. So the whole land will rise like the Nile River. It will be stirred up. Then it will settle back down again like that river in Egypt.” ⁹The LORD and King announces, “At that time I will make the sun go down at noon. The earth will become dark in the middle of the day. ¹⁰I will turn your holy feasts into times for mourning. I will turn all your songs into weeping. You will have to wear the clothing of sadness. You will shave your heads. I will make you mourn as if your only son had died. The end of that time will be like a bitter day.” ¹¹The LORD and King announces, “The days are coming when I will send hunger through the land. But people will not be hungry for food. They will not be thirsty for water. Instead, they will be hungry to hear a message from Me. ¹²People will wander from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean. They will travel from north to east. They will look for a message from Me. But they will not find it.

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28 The supremacy of Christ; Paul a servant

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God has chosen to make known among You
the riches of His glory,
which is Christ in you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42 Jesus visits Mary and Martha

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet

and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for your words of comfort and help.
Keep us from being too busy to listen to 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**

All I once held dear (click [here](#))

**All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss; spent and worthless now, compared to this**

***Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You Lord.***

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness**

***Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You Lord.***

**Oh, to know the power of Your risen life, and to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die**

***Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You Lord.***

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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](#))

Christ is mine forevermore (click [here](#))

**Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow; darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me.**

**Mine are days here as a stranger; pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore. Christ is mine forevermore.**

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OFFERING SONG

Let the vineyards be fruitful, LORD,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all:
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We are worried and distracted by our own needs and the needs of the world. Let us stop and turn to God, and place all our cares into his hands.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you that Jesus has visited us, first in our baptism and then many times since through your holy word and meal. Continue to speak to us from the pages of the bible, from the preaching of our pastors, and from the mouths of Christian family and friends.

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

Forgive our distracted busyness and misplaced priorities. Forgive our excuses and lack of attention to your word. Bring us to sit at your feet each day in quiet and receptive listening, and make our service true and holy as a result.

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your body, the Church. Help all your people listen carefully to others and then to speak your word appropriately. Especially make all pastors, lay workers and church servants careful in their study, right in their understanding, and true and loving in their application.

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christian families and households, that they may spend time together in prayer and devotion. Protect us all from selfish agendas and wrongful judgements. And when we grow angry with others, direct us to examine ourselves first in the light of your truth.

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

Guide all people in their daily vocations, and take our work and make it a blessing to others. Stir up our governments and people to generous hospitality, particularly to refugees and others needing a home. Give work where it is needed, and prosper all rightful enterprise for the good of all.

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

As you have blessed us with much, make us generous in giving to others: to those without enough essential food, to those whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and to those who spread your gospel in our country and abroad.

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

Give your comfort and peace to those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, including those we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts...*(brief silence)*

LORD, teach us to look to You; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we and the world have many needs and we are often worried and distracted by them. We place them all in your loving hands, and pray for confident trust that you will always provide what is needed. We pray all this in the name 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.

We exalt You as our LORD,

**for You are before all things,
and in You all things hold together.**

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

*Child of God,
may Jesus give you a faith that is steady and firm.*

**Child of God,
may Jesus give you a faith that is steady and firm.**

WORDS OF SENDING

*You have sat at the feet of the LORD.
Go in peace to serve Him.*

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Give to our God immortal praise (click [here](#))

**Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all His ways:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.**

**He built the earth, He spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.**

**He fills the sun with morning light; He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.**

**He sent His Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.**

**Through this vain world He guides our feet, and leads us to His heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure, when this our world shall be no more.**

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Amos 8:1-12

LHS

260 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide* G3

824 Your word, O Lord, is gentle dew G7

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Second reading: Colossians 1:15-28

LHS

- 21 Of the Father's love begotten G7
39 O Christ, Thou Lord eternal* G7
45 Hail, Thou source of every blessing* G4
50 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle (*alt tune* A9, G9)
65 Lord Jesus, we give thanks to thee* G5
176 We come, O Christ, to Thee G9
215 Arise, O God, and shine* G9
379 Lord of creation, to Thee be all praise
454 Ye servants of God (*see TIS 215 for revised words*) G6
790 O Lord of light, who made the stars

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- 17 Emmanuel
157 Jesus, name above all names
242 Son of the Father
267 Bread of heaven

Gospel: Luke10:38-42

LHS

- 148 Jesus, the very thought of Thee G6
149 Jesus, priceless treasure* G3
153 One thing needful: this one treasure G9
259 Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth* G7
265 How blest are they who hear God's word* G3
587 O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest G7
588 O blest the house, whate'er befall* G6

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- 34 Seek ye first
67 Let your words fill my days
100 St Patrick's prayer
239 Listen to him
304 Stay with me
367 My heart is fixed on you, Lord