



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 24th July
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father;
Your dear Son has taught us to ask for whatever we need,
and promised that our prayers will be heard for His sake.
Open our eyes to see and know You here among us,
and then send us out from here,
to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples;
in Jesus' name. Amen

OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 11:9

*Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.*

**Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.**

INVOCATION

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

In the name of God the Father (click [here](#))

**In the name of God the Father, for the glory of the Son,
in the power of the Spirit, now in faith we come.
We are gathered in Your presence as the people of the King
and You raise our hearts to heaven as we sing.**

**We lift up Your name, O God, You are worthy of our praise,
so great in power and glorious in grace,
so high and holy the mighty Three-in-One: in Your name we come.**

**We will call upon Your mercy as we celebrate Your grace,
and we'll bring our joys and troubles as we seek Your face.
We will share the peace You've given as we feast upon Your Word;
and You make us into light for all the world.**

**We lift up Your name, O God, You are worthy of our praise,
so great in power and glorious in grace,
so high and holy the mighty Three-in-One: in Your name we come.**

**Open our lips, open our lips, and we shall declare Your praises.
Open our eyes, open our eyes to You. Open our hearts, open our minds,
we're trusting You to change us, open our lives, let Jesus shine anew.**

**We lift up Your name, O God, You are worthy of our praise,
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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.*

PSALM: Psalm 85 (selected verses)

¹ *LORD, You were favourable to Your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.*

² *You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.*

**Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.**

⁴ *Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away Your indignation towards us!*

⁵ *Will You be angry with us for ever?
Will You prolong your anger to all generations?*

**Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.**

¹⁰ *Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

¹² *Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.*

**Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.**

**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 we may find peace in knowing God.
[silence]

*Almighty and merciful God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.*

*Teach us to seek you and to rely on you in all our needs,
so that our deepest desires may be satisfied,
and we may finally see you face to face.*

*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: Hosea 1:2-10 Hosea's wife and children

²The beginning of the Word of the Lord by Hosea: And the Lord said to Hosea, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshiping other gods.” ³So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son. ⁴And the LORD said, “Name the child Jezreel, for I am about to punish King Jehu’s dynasty to avenge the murders he committed at Jezreel. In fact, I will bring an end to Israel’s independence. ⁵I will break its military power in the Jezreel Valley.” ⁶Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to Hosea, “Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah—‘Not loved’—for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies—not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by My power as the LORD their God.” ⁸After Gomer had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son. ⁹And the LORD said, “Name him Lo-ammi—‘Not my people’—for Israel is not My people, and I am not their God. ¹⁰“Yet the time will come when Israel’s people will be like the sands of the seashore—too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not My people,’ it will be said, ‘You are children of the living God.’”

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15(16-19) Not philosophy or legalism, but Christ

⁶Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in Him. ⁷Keep your roots deep in Him and have your lives built on Him. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always be thankful. ⁸Make sure that no one leads you astray with an empty and deceitful philosophy that depends on human tradition and worldly principles, and not on Christ. ⁹For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form. ¹⁰And you have been filled by Him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in Him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive with Him and forgave us all our trespasses. ¹⁴He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them in Him. ¹⁶Therefore, don’t let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹They have lost connection

with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
*'Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.'*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13 Jesus' teaching on prayer

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught His disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "Is there anyone among you, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

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

*Thank you, Lord Jesus, for teaching us how to pray.
Help us to keep on praying with faith and confidence.*

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 426: What a friend we have in Jesus (click [here](#))

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge! Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.**

Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)

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 the true and better (click [here](#))

**Christ, the true and better Adam; Son of God and Son of man.
Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned.
He, who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse, then rising, crushed the serpent's head.**

**Christ, the true and better Isaac; humble Son of sacrifice,
who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up His life.
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only Son;
there salvation was provided, Oh what full and boundless love.**

Amen, Amen from beginning to end.

Christ the story, His the glory.

Alleluia, Amen!

**Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.
With His arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two.
See the veil is torn forever; cleansed with blood we pass now through.**

Amen, Amen from beginning to end.

Christ the story, His the glory.

Alleluia, Amen!

**Christ, the true and better David; lowly shepherd, mighty King.
He, the champion in the battle; where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered, crown Him Lord of majesty.
His shall be the throne forever. We shall e'er His people be.**

Amen, Amen from beginning to end.

Christ the story, His the glory.

Alleluia, Amen!

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OFFERING SONG: Psalm 51:10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus has commanded us to pray and even given us the words to say. We can be certain that our prayer is pleasing to God, our Father in heaven. Let us come to him in Jesus' name and pray for ourselves, the church and the needs of all the world.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Father, your name is already holy, but we ask you to help us to keep your name holy. Help us to teach your word clearly and correctly, and to live holy lives as your children, doing what you say. Do not let us bring disgrace on your name by going against your word in what we teach or the way we live.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

Your kingdom come.

Father, you come to rule as king even if we don't ask for this to happen, but we ask you to come and rule over us. Give us your Holy Spirit, so that by your goodness to us we believe your holy word and live as your people on earth now and in heaven forever.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Father, you do the kind and good things you want for people even if we don't ask for this to happen, but we ask you to do these kind and good things for us too. Break the power of the devil, our sinful human nature, and people who are against God, since all these want to stop us from keeping your name holy and having you rule as our king. Make our faith in Jesus strong and help us to trust God's word as long as we live.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Father, you give daily bread to all people, whether they are good or bad, even if we don't ask for this to happen. But we ask you to help us to see our daily bread as your gift, and to be thankful for it. Give us and all people everything we need for this life, things like food, clothes, a place to live, money and possessions, a good marriage, loving children, good people to work with, good and honest community leaders, good government, good weather, peace, health, respect for law, a good reputation, good friends, and helpful neighbours.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Father, we don't deserve anything we pray for. We sin every day, and all we deserve is punishment. But we ask you not to look at our sins or refuse to listen to our prayers because of them. Instead, give us everything we need simply out of your kindness. When people sin against us, help us gladly to forgive them and be kind to them.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

Lead us not into temptation.

Father, we know that you do not tempt anyone. But we ask you to keep us safe from the devil, our sinful nature, and people who are against you. Don't let them trick us into losing our Christian faith, giving up all hope, or doing other terrible things. And even though they attack us, we pray that in the end we will win the victory.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

Deliver us from evil.

Father, save us from every kind of evil - anything that could hurt our body or soul, our possessions or reputation. Be with us when we die and take us from the troubles of this world to be with you in heaven. Comfort those who mourn, those who are dying and those caring for them. Provide for the needs of all those we know to be in want and those we now name silently in our hearts...*(brief silence)*.

LORD, teach us to pray; **hear our prayer.**

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

*Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.*

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

(Name) God will meet all your needs.

***(Name)* God will meet all your needs.**

WORDS OF SENDING

God has given you the gift of His Holy Spirit.

Go in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

May the peace of God (Benediction Hymn) (click [here](#))

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven we declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are, and this fellowship of His communion, make us one in spirit and in heart.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven we declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

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Christ eternal, the King of Kings. Christ eternal, the King of Kings.**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Hosea 1:2-10

LHS

- 323 Blessed are the sons of God* G4
- 431 My soul, now bless Thy maker* G6
- 439 I will sing my Maker's praises G5
- 850 O Father, my Father, I call on your name GS

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- 6 O Father, my Father
- 57 Father God

Second reading: Colossians 2:6-15(16-19)

LHS

- 97 The strife is o'er, the battle done G5
147 O Morning Star, so bright and fair* G3
159 O for a thousand tongues to sing* G5
176 We come, O Christ, to Thee G9
277 Baptized into Thy name most holy* G4
279 He that believes and is baptized* (*alt tune* 106, G3)
361 Let us ever walk with Jesus* G5
378 Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God G7 (*alt tune* 106, G3)
826 Father welcomes GS
827 Good Shepherd, take this lamb
833 We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ G5

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- 4 Father welcomes
31 Freely, freely
61 Hallelujah, my Father
118 Jesus went down to the water
150 Sing a new song

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

LHS

- 121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* G4
And others from 'Pentecost' sections
355 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil* G3
421 Our Father, Thou in heaven above* G5
424 Prayer is the soul's sincere desire* G5
894 Father God in heaven GS
901 Our Father, you from heaven above G5

AT

- 34 Seek ye first
74 The Lord's Prayer
278 Lord, hear our prayer
283 Our Father