



**Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe**  
**Service Order for 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Almighty and merciful God,  
since you give your faithful people grace  
to offer you true and acceptable service:  
Grant that we may so faithfully serve you in this life  
that we fail not finally to obtain your heavenly promises;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCE: Hebrews 12:2a**

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**INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

**LHS 294 O God, unseen yet never near (click [here](#))**

**O God, unseen yet always near, your presence may we feel;  
and, thus inspired with holy fear, before your altar kneel.**

**Here may your faithful people know the blessings of your love,  
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.**

**We come, obedient to your word, to feast on heavenly food;  
our food the body of the Lord, our drink his precious blood.**

**So may we all your word obey, for we belong to you;  
and go rejoicing on our way, with your own strength renewed.**

## 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 80:1,2,8-19

*Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between  
the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might; come and save us.*

**The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

*You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you  
drove out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered with its  
shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.  
Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.*

**The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

*Why have you broken down its walls  
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?  
Boars from the forest ravage it,  
and insects from the fields feed on it.  
Return to us, God Almighty!  
Look down from heaven and see!  
Watch over this vine,  
the root your right hand has planted,  
the son you have raised up for yourself.*

**The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

*Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;  
at your rebuke your people perish.  
Let your hand rest on the man at your  
right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.  
Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.*

**The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

*Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.*

**The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

**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 all people may find their fulfilment in Christ.*  
[silence]

*Almighty and merciful God,  
you have fulfilled our human longing for justice and peace  
in the coming of your Son as a human being.  
May he shine in our lives, so that all who see us  
are drawn to him as their only Saviour.  
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.*

### **BIBLE READING**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7** The song of the vineyard (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. <sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. <sup>3</sup> 'Now you dwellers in Jerusalem

and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? <sup>5</sup>Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.<sup>7</sup>The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

*After the reading*  
*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2** The great cloud of witnesses (NIVUK)

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets,<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were put to death by stoning;<sup>[b]</sup> they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – <sup>38</sup>the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*My word is like fire, says the Lord,  
and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces.*

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56** Jesus the cause of division

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>49</sup> 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' <sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. <sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

*Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
for calling us to follow you.  
Help us to put you first in our lives.*

**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 339 Praise to You and Adoration

**Praise to you and adoration, blessed Jesus, Son of God.**

**Lord, to serve your own creation, you assumed our flesh and blood.**

**Do not let me ever stray from your fold and from your way,  
but with joy, with you beside me, follow where your voice will guide me.**

**Hold me, Lord, in your safe keeping through the storms of pain and strife.**

**Comfort me when I am weeping; be with me through all my life.**

**Help me grow in love each day, and in faith, so that I may  
trust your birth, your death, and passion, till I see your full salvation.**

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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](#))

### LHS 346 Forth in Thy name (click [here](#))

**Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labour to pursue;  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know, In all I think or speak or do.**

**The task Thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil,  
In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labour on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.**

**Give me to bear Thy easy yoke, And every moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day;**

**For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given,  
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heaven.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Living God,  
keep us faithful and committed to you.  
Help us willingly to give of ourselves  
and our possessions  
for use in your kingdom.*

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Let us pray with one voice for all the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people who cannot or will not pray for themselves.*

Gracious and loving Father, thank you for giving Jesus to bear the fire of judgment that should have fallen on us and all people. Thank you that he has won peace for the whole world by his death on the cross. And thank you for bringing us to baptism and faith so that we enjoy the blessings of life and salvation in Jesus' name.

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

Thank you for those families who are united in the faith - support and sustain them by your word, keep them growing in faith and knowledge, and protect them from unbelief.

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

Give strength to those who suffer division over Christ at home, in the workplace, at school, or among friends. Ease their pain, give them the ability to love even when they face opposition and antagonism, and bring their loved-ones and companions to faith and repentance.

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

Give the whole church wisdom in reading the signs of the times, and skill in making your truth and love known in the world today. Make our own endeavours at outreach and witness bear fruit Lord, in your name.

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

We pray for peace in the world wherever there is division and violence. Bring an end to hatred and hostility, and bring people to live together as children of your one human family. Bring loyalty and harmony to all married couples, to parents and children, and strengthen all family relationships.

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

Have mercy Lord on those who are persecuted for their faith. Stop all religious violence, imprisonment and torture. And give all Christian people perseverance and persistence when pressed to compromise their loyalty to Christ.

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

Supply all that we need for our daily life, dear Father. Thank you for the rain and sunshine you give to us in good measure, and please prosper the work of our farmers. Give healing to those who are not well at this time. Support and strengthen those we know with special needs and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

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

Father in heaven, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses in the saints who have gone before us. Help us to follow their example of faith, always praying to you for all our needs, because you have promised to hear us 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.**

*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 keep your eyes fixed on Jesus*

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## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **LHS 392 How Firm a Foundation, You Saints of the Lord (click [here](#))**

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word;  
what more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flames will not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

K-', in J. Rippon's 'Selection', 1787, alt.  
(ascribed to Richard Keen)

## **HYMNS AND SONGS**

### **First reading (a): Isaiah 5:1-7**

#### **LHS**

- 337 God, from all eternity\* (*alt tune* 276, G5)  
571 Almighty Lord, before Thy throne G9 (*alt tune* 183, G6)

#### **AT**

- 301 Prayer of peace

### **Second reading: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2**

#### **LHS**

- 137 Triune God, be Thou our stay G9  
339 Praise to Thee and adoration\* G4  
346 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go G5  
352 Fight the good fight with all thy might\* G4  
392 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord G6  
403 Lord Jesus Christ\* G5  
807 Lift high the cross GS

#### **AT**

- 203 Keeping my eyes on you  
367 My heart is fixed on you  
502 Patiently waiting for you

### **Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

#### **LHS**

- 197 Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy word\* G5  
260 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide\* G3  
803 Peace with the Father G7

#### **AT**

- 185 Jesus, Son of God and man