



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH REDCLIFFE**  
**SERVICE ORDER FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Lord,  
without you we are not able to please you.

Direct our hearts  
by the working of your mercy.  
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.

**OPENING SENTENCE: 1 TIMOTHY 6: 7-8**

*After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world,  
and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.  
So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.*

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**INVOCATION**

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

**LHS 206 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross!  
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army He shall lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict In this His glorious day.  
Ye that are men now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armour, Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be;  
He with the king of glory Shall reign eternally.**

George Duffield (1818-1888)

### **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 91: 1-6, 14-16**

<sup>1</sup> *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.<sup>[a]</sup>*

<sup>2</sup> *I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'  
You will not fear the terror of the night.*

*<sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.*

*<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

*<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*

*<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

**You will not fear the terror of the night.**

*<sup>14</sup> 'Because he<sup>[a]</sup> loves me,' says the LORD, 'I will rescue him;*

*I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*

*<sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honour him.*

*<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.'*

**You will not fear the terror of the night.**

**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 help other people.*

[silence]

*God, the giver of all good gifts,  
teach us to be understanding and compassionate  
to all people, whatever their needs,  
and to share with them  
the good things you have provided.  
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: Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 Jeremiah buys some land (NIVUK)

<sup>32</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah. <sup>3</sup>Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, ‘Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, “This is what the LORD says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it. <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, ‘The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.” <sup>8</sup>‘Then, just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, “Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.” ‘I knew that this was the word of the LORD; <sup>9</sup>so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels<sup>[a]</sup> of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. <sup>11</sup>I took the deed of purchase – the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy – <sup>12</sup>and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. <sup>13</sup>‘In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: <sup>14</sup>“This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so that they will last a long time. <sup>15</sup>For this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.”

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Pastoral advice to Timothy (NIVUK)

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. <sup>11</sup>But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which

you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. <sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets,  
neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.*

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31** Parable of the rich man and Lazarus (NIVUK)

*Before the reading*

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

<sup>19</sup> ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> ‘The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, “Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.” <sup>25</sup> ‘But Abraham replied, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And

besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.”  
<sup>27</sup> ‘He answered, “Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.”  
<sup>29</sup> ‘Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.”  
<sup>30</sup> ““No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” <sup>31</sup> ‘He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

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

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

*Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your great generosity to us.*  
*Lead us to reflect your love*  
*by sharing our wealth with those in need.*

**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**

### **O GOD, THOU FAITHFUL GOD**

**O God, Thou faithful God, Thou fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.**

Lord, grant me strength to do With ready heart and willing,  
What'er thou shalt command, My calling here fulfilling;  
To do it when I ought With zeal and faithfulness;  
To all I thus have wrought, Lord, grant complete success.

O let me never speak What bounds of truth exceedeth;  
Help me to weigh each word Which from my mouth proceedeth.  
Whenever in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Endue my words with grace, Nor let me wound the weak.

If Thou a longer life Hast here on earth decreed me,  
And Thou through many a strife To age at last wilt lead me,  
Thy patience on me shed, Avert all sin and shame,  
And crown my hoary head With honour free from blame.

Catherine Winkworth

### SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon  
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))

**Please note that we currently do not have a manuscript for the Sermon as  
Bishop Mark Vainikka is conducting the Service.**

The Sermon online may be different to the manuscript.  
For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

### THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

**Come you weary heart now to Jesus Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort for your tears Rest here in His wondrous peace**

**Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus Satisfied he is all that I need  
May it be come what may that I rest all my days In the goodness of Jesus**

**Come find what this world cannot offer Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water never thirst again Rest here in His wondrous peace**

**Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus Satisfied he is all that I need  
May it be come what may that I rest all my days In the goodness of Jesus**

**Come and find your hope now in Jesus He is all he said he would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart Rest here in His wondrous peace**

**Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus Satisfied he is all that I need  
May it be come what may that I rest all my days In the goodness of Jesus**

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Merciful God,  
you have given us so many good things.  
Make us generous and willing to share with others,  
and use us and our possessions for your purposes.  
**Amen.***

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Our Lord provides all we need for both body and soul, so let's bring our needs and the needs of all people to him in prayer.*

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your generosity in the wonders of your creation, giving us life and supplying all we truly need day by day. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with many gifts to give thanks every day and to avoid faithless hoarding and worry about the future.

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

Thank you, dear Father, for the gifts of salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for his faithfulness to you, and for telling us of him in the scriptures. Help us to study and know the scriptures well, and to entrust our whole lives to what you tell us in them. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with the riches of your grace to tell of your forgiveness and redemption.

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

Lord, open our eyes to see poverty and human need, and then to respond as you would have us. Move us and all people to be rich in good works, in response to what we have received from you. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with material riches to share them generously.

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



Remove injustices perpetrated by the rich and powerful on the poor and weak. Bring relief to refugees displaced from their homes. Thank you for the financial support given to those in need through government and taxation here in Australia, and move all in authority to ensure the best and fairest possible assistance. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with supportive community to reach out in love and friendship.

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

Give rest and refreshment to children and teachers now on holidays, and keep all travellers safe and secure. Bless the pastoral ministry students completing their studies at Australian Lutheran College and help them make the transition to vicarage when the time comes. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with learning and education to lead by good example.

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

Watch over the sick, the elderly, and those who are struggling in their personal lives. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with health and happiness to share the burdens of those who suffer. And support those known to us personally in need and whom we now name in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

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

King of kings and Lord of lords, you dwell in unapproachable light, but you have graciously given us access to your love and mercy through your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer in his name, for he 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 God fill you with the richness of his love.*

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## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace, and be rich in good works.*

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

## **COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE**

**Come down, O Love divine, Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing; O comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear, And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness became mine inner clothing: True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace,  
Till he became the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

## HYMNS AND SONGS

**First reading (a): Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

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**Second reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

### **LHS**

- 185 Sun of righteousness divine\* G3
- 206 Stand up, stand up for Jesus G6
- 239 Son of God, eternal Saviour G4
- 352 Fight the good fight with all thy might\* G4
- 357 O God, Thou faithful God\* G3
- 361 Let us ever walk with Jesus\* G5
- 385 With all my heart I love Thee, Lord\*
- 405 In God, my faithful God\* G4
- 407 If thou but suffer God to guide thee\* G6
- 801 O Lord Jesus, hand in hand GS

### **AT**

- 384 If we will trust in God to guide us

**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

### **LHS**

- 101 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now\* G5
- 269 Speak forth Thy word, O Father G4
- 385 With all my heart I love Thee, Lord\*

### **AT**

- 239 Listen to him
- 263 Singing all praises