



SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 20th November
24th Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, heavenly Father, let your dear Son, Jesus Christ, come quickly and take to himself his bride, the church. Bring us, together with all the redeemed, into your glory. 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: COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

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INVOCATION

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

LHS 161 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.**

**How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought**

John Newton

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.*

LUKE 1:68-79

⁶⁸ 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation
for us in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us –
⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**He has raised up a mighty saviour
for us from the house of his servant David.**

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.'

**He has raised up a mighty saviour
for us from the house of his servant David.**

**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 for the coming of God's kingdom.

[silence]

*Almighty and everliving God,
it is your will to restore all things in your dear Son.
Bring together under his just and gentle rule
all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin.
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 The Lord will raise up a righteous Branch (NIVUK)

²³ 'Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!' declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: 'Because you have

scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,' declares the LORD. ³ 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the LORD. ⁵ 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will raise up for David^[a] a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20 The supremacy of Christ (NIVUK)

¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!

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*(Jesus said:) 'Truly I tell you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.'*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43 The crucified King (NIVUK)

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.' ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'^[b] ⁴³ Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your gifts to us.

Help us to be good servants.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S 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 169 THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED

**The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal light:**

**The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given;
their name, an everlasting name, their joy, the joy of heaven**

**The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly

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](#))

AT 261 THE SERVANT KING

**From heaven, you came helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve, and give your life that we might live.**

**This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.**

**There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn, "Yet not my will but yours," he said.**

**This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.**

**Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.**

**This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.**

**So let us learn how to serve and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.**

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to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.**

Graham Kedrick

OFFERING PRAYER

*Our heavenly Father, help us always to acknowledge
that Jesus is our Lord, who will finally come in power to save us.*

*Teach us to dedicate our lives to him,
and to serve you through what we do
and what we have.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Our Lord promised his disciples that he would come again in glory. So let us
pray for the church and the world as we wait for him to come.*

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for calling us into your kingdom by baptism, and
for entrusting us with your saving gifts. We are sorry for taking them for
granted. Please forgive us, and make us good and faithful servants who use
your property well.

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

Thank you for continuing to deliver salvation by your word and sacraments in
the church. Give the church pastors and leaders to shepherd your flock in
truth and purity. Guide all congregations in the call process and bless the
service of all who volunteer their time on various committees of the church.
Make us good and faithful servants who serve you boldly and with joy.

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

Have mercy on those who neglect or reject your saving gifts. Send out your
word so that all people come to repentance and faith before facing you as
their eternal judge. Make us good and faithful servants who speak the truth
in love and who pray for those we know.

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

Suppress all tyranny, and raise up shepherds to govern their people wisely
and well. Protect the earth from all natural disasters and human terror. Give
us rain and sunshine in good measure, and give success to all proper work.
Make us good and faithful servants who are signs of your goodness in the
world.

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

Protect young people celebrating graduation from school, and guide them in their future directions. Give Christian young people the strength to live in your light instead of in the darkness of sin and death. Make us good and faithful servants who nurture those who are young.

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

Have mercy, Lord, on the sick and suffering. Give healing and relief so that you may be praised. And provide for those we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts...*(brief silence)*.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Coming One in whom we place all our hope. As you sit enthroned at the right hand of God the Father almighty, receive our prayers and present them to your Father on behalf of the whole world; for with him and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, 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 make you patient and strong,
so that you never give up.*

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so that you never give up.**

WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace and stand firm in the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.*

LHS 731 COME, LORD JESUS, COME

**Come, Lord Jesus, come Into this weary world.
Oh, how we long for you To come, Lord, come.**

**Wars have come and wars have gone. Come, Lord, come!
Still the cry goes up, "How long?" Come, Lord, come!**

**Hearts are breaking, tears fall down. Come, Lord, come!
Come and free us, we are bound. Come, Lord, come!**

**Darkness grows as night wears on. Come, Lord, come!
Will we live to see the dawn? Come, Lord, come!**

**Nations rise and nations fall. Come, Lord, come!
God is with us through it all. Come, Lord, come!**

Robin Mann

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Jeremiah 23:1-6

LHS

- 9 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes G6
11 The advent of our King G4
41 O Jesus, King of glory* G4
215 Arise, O God, and shine* G9
271 The gospel shows the Father's grace G5
422 Great Shepherd of Thy people, hear* G6
867 Have no fear, little flock G6

AT

- 55 His name is Wonderful
329 Jesus, God's righteousness (This kingdom)

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- 269 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes
271 The advent of our God
444 Dear Shepherd of your people, hear

Second reading: Colossians 1:11-20

LHS

- 21 Of the Father's love begotten G7
39 O Christ, Thou Lord eternal* G7
65 Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee* G5
176 We come, O Christ, to Thee G9
299 My God, accept my heart this day G5
454 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim G6
755 O Christ, our king, creator, Lord
783 Christ is the world's light G6
788 Lord, who left the highest heaven G8

AT

- 17 Emmanuel: God is with us
157 Jesus, name above all names
267 Bread of heaven

Gospel (b): Luke 23:33-43

LHS

- 53 Jesus, refuge of the weary* G3
60 Christ, the life of all the living G5
68 There is a fountain filled with blood G6
75 We sing the praise of Him who died G5
82 Jesus, in Thy dying woes (Parts I, II)* (3 vv mod) G5
85 According to Thy gracious word G5
169 The head that once was crowned with thorns G5
755 O Christ, our King, creator, Lord
759 When his time was over GS
788 Lord, who left the highest heaven (vv 5,6) G8
790 O Lord of light who made the stars (*alt tune* 346, G5)
791 O love how deep, how broad, how high G5

AT

- 147 When his time was over
279 And so we meet again
387 Jesus, remember me