



**SERVICE ORDER**  
**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Together with GLPS Service**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Lord God,**  
**you know that by ourselves we have no strength.**  
**Defend us from all calamities that may happen to the body,**  
**and cleanse us from all evil thoughts that may attack the soul.**  
**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: JOHN 3:16**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,  
That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,  
That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**INVOCATION**

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

**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS**

**You were the Word at the beginning one with God the Lord Most High,  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is;  
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is,  
nothing compares to this; what a beautiful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is;  
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.**

**What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this;  
what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory,  
for You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal, now and forever, God You reign.  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is,  
nothing can stand against; what a powerful Name it is,  
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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 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains –  
where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip –  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

<sup>4</sup> indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over you –  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm –  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and for evermore.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**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 deny ourselves and trust in Christ.*  
[silence]

**Merciful God,  
we thank you for sending your Son  
to suffer and give his life for all people.  
Teach us, who have been born again,  
to forget ourselves and rely only on Christ our Saviour.  
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen**

### **BIBLE READING**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a** The call of Abraham (NIVUK)

<sup>12</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> ‘I will make you into a great

nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup><sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'<sup>[b]</sup><sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

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

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17** Abraham our father, justified by faith (NIVUK)

<sup>4</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'<sup>[a]</sup><sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.'<sup>[a]</sup> He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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

## **LENTEN VERSE: PHILLIPIANS 2:8**

Christ humbled Himself,  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

**The GOSPEL is written in John chapter 3 reading verses 1 through to 17.**  
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (NIVUK)

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’ <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.<sup>[a]</sup>’ <sup>4</sup> ‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’ <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, “You<sup>[c]</sup> must be born again.” <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>9</sup> ‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> ‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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

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

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
for coming into the world as our Saviour.  
May we believe in you and be born again.  
Amen.**

**THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)**

**Our Father everlasting The all creating One  
God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Saviour**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**Our judge and our defender Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life Forever seated high**

**I believe in You I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

**I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

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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](#))

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For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

### **Oceans (Where feet may fail)**

**You call me out upon the waters,  
the great unknown where feet may fail,  
and there I find You in the mystery:  
in oceans deep my faith will stand.**

**And I will call upon Your name,  
and keep my eyes above the waves;  
when oceans rise  
my soul will rest in Your embrace;  
for I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters;  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide:  
where feet may fail and fear surrounds me;  
You've never failed and You won't start now.**

**So I will call upon Your name,  
and keep my eyes above the waves;  
when oceans rise  
my soul will rest in Your embrace;  
for I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders.**

**Let me walk upon the waters,  
wherever You would call me.**

**Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,  
and my faith will be made stronger  
in the presence of my Saviour.**



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when oceans rise  
my soul will rest in Your embrace;  
for I am Yours and You are mine.**

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Thank you, loving God,  
for sending your Son as our Saviour.*

*Help us to trust in him  
and follow wherever you lead us,  
serving you and our fellow human beings  
with all that we have.*

***Amen.***

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*God called Abraham to follow him and promised him a son through whom blessing would come to all nations. Let us pray for the people of every nation, that God would bless them through Jesus Christ his Son and through his word in the Holy Scriptures.*

Heavenly Father: thank you that Jesus was obedient to your word in every respect and that he lived a perfect life for us. Forgive us our neglect of your word and the prayers it contains. Renew in us regular and faithful use of the psalms, and bring us to glorify you for your wonderful creation.

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

We pray for the nations of the world, that they may receive the blessing of peace and prosperity. Help all people value the world you have made and use it responsibly.

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

Watch over all travellers, exiles and refugees. Guide them to a home they can call their own.

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

Thank you for moving people to enquire into the Christian faith. Make our witness effective, and work saving faith through your word. Bless all parents who are preparing for the baptism of a child and help their sponsors to be a good example of the Christian life.

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

Thank you God for the gift of your son Jesus. Help us to remember the symbols of LENT and how they tell us of how God loved the world so much, that He gave his own dear son Jesus to die and rise again for all people.

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

Bless our Grace Church and School communities as we come together to worship and learn more about you. Jesus fill us with joy this coming Easter, knowing that you are the Light of the world and THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE.

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

Give true knowledge and firm faith to those who preach and teach your word. Help them love those they teach and give them the skills they need.

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

Comfort those who mourn and support and strengthen all who are sick and injured, or in other need, and others known to us and whom we now name in our hearts...*(brief silence)*

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

Father, you justified Abraham because he believed your promise. Grant that all may believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, so that they may not come into judgment, but receive life, forgiveness, and salvation through him 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!**

## WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace.*

*God has loved you so much that he has given his only Son.*

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

## Lord I lift your name on high

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

#### **LHS**

- 180 Wake, arise, wake, arise G4  
349 Jesus, I my cross have taken G3  
407 If thou but suffer God to guide thee\* (vv 1,7) G6  
456 The God of Abraham praise G9  
480 A pilgrim and a stranger\* G6  
854 Be still, my soul  
862 As we step from the edge of morning GS

#### **AT**

- 87 Walkin' down the road  
101 Jesus, please watch over us  
114 The promised land  
246 Thy word is a lamp  
384 If we will trust in God to guide us (vv 1,4)  
403 God of Abraham (vv 1,10,17)  
413 Will you come and follow me

### **Second reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

#### **LHS**

- 321 Faith is a living power from heaven\* G5  
324 Salvation unto us has come\* G5  
332 Thy works, not mine, O Christ\* G8  
456 The God of Abraham praise G9  
851 Amazing grace GS

#### **AT**

- 114 The promised land  
130 I am covered over  
131 Amazing grace  
144 No longer strangers  
345 Nothing but the blood

### **Gospel: John 3:1-17**

#### **LHS**

- 116 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove\*  
127 Come, Holy Spirit, come\* G4  
130 O enter, Lord, Thy temple\* (vv 1,2)  
138 The Lord my God be praised  
154 Amazing love that rent the heavens asunder\* G4  
164 Love divine, all loves excelling G3  
271 The gospel shows the Father's grace G5  
276 Dearest Jesus, we are here\* G5 (*baptism - infant*)  
279 He that believes and is baptized\* G5 (*baptism - general*)  
322 Dear Christians, one and all rejoice\*  
441 With joyful hearts your praises bring\* G3  
783 Christ is the world's light G6  
791 O love, how deep, how broad, how high G5  
793 To God be the glory GS  
826 Father welcomes GS  
835 Bread of heaven, on you we feed G5 (*holy communion*)  
852 God loved the world so that He gave G5  
863 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine GS  
881 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder G7
- #### **AT**
- 4 Father welcomes  
24 God's love  
126 The light of Christ  
237 John 3:16  
349 There is a redeemer  
417 Water and the Spirit  
421 Born forever  
451 Saviour of the world  
469 Wind is moving