



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 11 June
Second Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord, you never fail to help and guide
those you bring up in your love.
Lead us always to worship
and love your holy name.
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: PSALM 33:4

*For the word of the Lord is right and true,
He is faithful in all he does.*
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INVOCATION

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

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

1981 Daniel L. Schutte and Dawn Music

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 33 1-12

*¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.*

*² Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.*

*³ Sing to him a new song;
play skilfully, and shout for joy.*

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

*⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.*

*⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.*

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

*⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.*

*⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;^[a]
he puts the deep into storehouses.*

*⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.*

*⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.*

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

*¹⁰ The LORD foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.*

*¹¹ But the plans of the LORD stand firm for ever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.*

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

*¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.*

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**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 daily renewal.

[silence]

**Thank you, Lord God,
that you have cleansed us from sin
and saved us from the power of the enemy
through the death and resurrection of your Son.**

**Keep us from drowning our sinful self by repenting day after day,
and bring to life in us each day a new self to live with you forever.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9 The calling of Abraham

¹²The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²'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.^[a] ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'^[b] ⁴So 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. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, 'To your offspring^[c] I will give this land.' So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹Then Abram set out and continued towards the Negev.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25 God's promise to Abraham received through faith

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.'^[a] 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. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'^[b] ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.'²³ The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

After the reading
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Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!

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*(Jesus said:) 'I did not come to call the righteous,
but sinners, to repentance.'*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 Jesus calls Matthew, heals a woman, and raises a child

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."^[a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for helping and healing people in need.**

Lead us to accept and help others.

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

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

**Today Your mercy calls us to wash away our sin,
however great our trespass, whatever we have been;
however long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.**

**Today your gate is open, and all who enter in
will find a Father's welcome, and pardon for their sin;
the past will be forgotten, a present joy be given,
a future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heaven.**

**Today our Father calls us, His Holy Spirit waits,
His blessed angels gather around the heavenly gates;
no question will be asked us how often we have come;
although we've often wandered, it is our Father's home.**

**O all-embracing mercy! O ever-open gate!
What should we do without You when sorrows are too great?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
we know one door is open, one ear will hear our prayer.**

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](#))

O FATHER, MY FATHER

**O Father, my Father, I call on your name;
my heart it is heavy with sorrow and shame.
For I've been a coward, my courage has flown,
and love lies within me as cold as a stone.**

**No word can excuse me, no word that I say;
no place that I run to can hide me away.
For nothing is hidden; yes, all is revealed -
you see how I'm sick, Lord; I want to be healed.**

**O Father, my Father, I call on your name;
your promise is with me to carry my blame.
You came as a servant, your road it was clear;
no coward was Jesus, for love knows no fear.**

**O how I do wish that my last day was here,
that I might be with you where all is made clear;
where sorrow is over, the world is set free,
and that which we hope for we finally see.**

Robin Mann

OFFERING PRAYER

*Holy God, may the Spirit you give us
make us more and more like your Son,
loving and self-giving. **Amen.***

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God shows his great love to us in his Son Jesus Christ. So let us pray to our Father with confidence.

Gracious Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have given us, although we have not deserved them. Above all, we thank you for your word and sacraments. Keep the gospel pure in your church. Give us faithful pastors to preach your word, and help us to understand and believe. Bring to faith those who do not yet know you. Protect your church, and have mercy on its enemies.

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

Almighty God, we pray for the nations of the world and their rulers, that God's will may be done in all places. Give wisdom to all leaders, so that they act with justice and mercy towards their people. Bring peaceful resolution to all conflicts. We ask your merciful help in the situation of current conflicts.

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

God of mercy, bless all those who work for peace and care for the vulnerable around the world. We give you thanks for the work of the United Nations, the Red Cross, Amnesty International and other international care organisations. We pray especially for the work of our Lutheran agencies, Australian Lutheran World Service and International Mission. Protect their workers and strengthen them in their service. Move us to offer our prayers and support for their efforts.

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

God of love, we pray for the homeless, children in desperate situations, and young people in trouble. In difficult financial times, help us to respond to suffering and need with generosity and compassion. Open our eyes to the hungry and lonely in our communities, and help us to share your blessings with them.

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

God of healing, bring your comfort to all who struggle with ill health and comfort the grieving.

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

Heavenly Father, you love us and have promised to hear us. Answer our prayers according to your wisdom and love, and bring us closer to you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 Lord look over you with care.

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WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace and follow the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU TODAY

**May the Lord bless you today,
and may He keep you in His care,
giving His peace to your soul
even when times are hard.**

**May the Lord's love flow through you
just like a never-ending stream –
knowing His hand will be there
when you call on His name.
May He always smile on you.**

Sharney Russell-Schlenker (1995)

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Genesis 12:1-9

LHS

346 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go G5

348 Jesus, Master, at Thy word G8

393 O God of Bethel, by whose hand*

456 The God of Abraham praise G7

877 When we walk with the Lord (Trust and obey) GS

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114 The promised land

200 One more step

294 God give you joy

295 Here I am, Lord

403 God of Abraham (vv 1,6)

408 May the Lord bless you today

Second reading: Romans 4:13-25

LHS

- 321 Faith is a living power from heaven* G5
- 322 Dear Christians, one and all rejoice* G3
- 324 Salvation unto us has come* G5
- 327 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness* G3
- 456 The God of Abraham praise G7
- 787 Jesus was born for us GS
- 788 Lord, who left the highest heaven G8
- 791 O love how deep, how broad, how high G5
- 852 God loved the world so that he gave G5

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- 143 Jesus dying on the cross
- 171 Dying you destroyed our death
- 214 The Lord is my light
- 336 Faith is
- 502 Patiently waiting for you

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

LHS

- 161 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds G5
- 165 One there is, above all others* G8
- 305 Today Thy mercy calls us* G3
- 317 Jesus sinners doth receive* G5
- 336 'Come, follow Me,' the Saviour spake* G3
- 366 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult G7
- 401 When in the hour of utmost need G3
- 852 God loved the world so that he gave G5
- 875 There's a wideness in God's mercy G9

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- 308 We are called to follow Jesus
- 311 Be still and know
- 401 Follow me
- 413 The summons
- 441 Jesus was sent