

SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 9 July
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts a love for your name.
Nourish in us what is good,
and preserve in us what you have nourished.
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.

INVOCATION

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

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong:
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in:
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.

**Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;
from His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie:
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, He will take me home on high:
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.**

Anna Warner (1827-1915), alt.

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 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again: and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.**

**To Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, the God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now, and evermore! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for gentleness.

[silence]

**Thank you, Jesus, our gentle king,
that you became a servant to all,
and gave up your life for us.**

**As your followers,
make us humble, so that, like you,
we serve others.**

**For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12 The humble king

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River^[a] to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return

to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a The struggle of the sinner- saint

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature^[b] a slave to the law of sin.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Jesus reveals the Father, and the weary find rest in him

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹⁶ 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others: ¹⁷ "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'" ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.' ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Lord Jesus, thank you for revealing the Father.

**Help us to take your yoke
and find rest in you.**

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 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**

**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**

**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**

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast':
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad. .**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him. .**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.**

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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](#))

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

**What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer**

**Have we trials and temptations Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer**

**Are we weak and heavy laden Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee Thou wilt find a solace there**

**Blessed Savior Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever Lord be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer
Soon in glory bright unclouded There will be no need for prayer
Rapture praise and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there**

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Thank you, Lord, for coming to us as a gentle king
and bringing us victory over sin and death.*

*Make us more and more like you,
humble and gentle and serving others.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Christ invites us to come to him with all our burdens, so that he can give us rest. Trusting in his promise, let us pray with confidence to his Father and our Father.

Heavenly Father, bless your church and the work you have called it to do. Make us a resting place for the weary and the heavy laden. Let us be a place where troubled people can take their burdens and place them in your hands. Teach us to bring our burdens to you everyday and place them confidently in your hands knowing that in Christ alone we have been given a new start, and through Christ alone we can have the true peace and the true comfort of forgiveness.

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

We pray for all schools and other places of learning, especially schools in our area. Bless the work of teachers and other staff members and strengthen them in their special calling. Use them to prepare our young people to face the world with wisdom and confidence. We ask you to give both students and staff a time of relaxation and refreshment through the holidays and protect everyone who is travelling.

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

We ask you to bless our agriculture, fishing, forestry and all other primary industries. When times are difficult, we place our trust in you and ask you to hear our prayers and answer our need. We thank you for rain and sunshine, and we pray that you would continue to send rain when and where it's needed. We ask that you would protect and watch over people who are struggling at this time, and especially those who are unable to put their trust

in you. Help them to let go of their burdens and find the true rest only you can give them.

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

Protect all those who are starving, malnourished and in poverty, both overseas and in this country. Give us hearts to share compassionately from our abundance to help provide for our brothers and sisters in need. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless our government and all in authority. Use our elected leaders to promote goodness, justice and truth. As you have appointed us to be stewards of the earth, help our nation to wisely manage the environment and prevent the degradation of land and water ways.

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

Be with all we know who have particular needs, especially (*insert names*). We pray for those who are entering hospital or recovering from treatment – help them to acknowledge your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

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

We trust in your mercy, Lord, and put all our concerns into your hands. We pray 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 take your worries from you and give you rest.

May the Lord take your worries from you and give you rest.

WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.

Be humble in spirit, and take the yoke of the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ONE MORE STEP

**One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new, keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me traveling along with you.**

**Round the corners of the world I turn, more and more about the world I
learn,
all the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me traveling along with you.**

**As I travel through the bad and good, keep me traveling the way I should,
where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me traveling along with you.**

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough, leap and sing in all I do, keep me traveling along with you. And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me traveling along with you.

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me, ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you. And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me traveling along with you.

Sydney Carter

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

LHS

- 579 Where'er I go, whate'er my task* G6
- 587 O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest G7
- 588 O blest the house, whate'er befall* G6
- 589 O blessed home where man and wife G3
- 800 May we be one GS
- 892 Hear us now, our God and Father G3

AT

- 172 May we be one
- 280 Make us a family
- 320 I was there to hear your borning cry
- 403 God of Abraham (*selected verses*)

Second reading: Romans 7:15-25a

LHS

- 125 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove G5
- 141 Father of heaven, whose love profound G5
- 177 O my Saviour, lifted G5
- 309 Ah, Lord and God G5
- 312 In Thee alone, O Christ, my Lord
- 345 O that the Lord would guide my ways* G6
- 355 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil* G3
- 399 In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust G7

525 Awake, my soul, and with the sun G9

AT

96 Don't give up

171 Dying you destroyed our death

200 One more step

215 My hiding place

219 Then I will praise you

251 God sends us his Spirit

345 Nothing but the blood

349 There is a redeemer

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

LHS

217 O Christ, our true and only light* G5

219 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun G3

306 I heard the voice of Jesus say G7

308 Come unto Me, ye weary* G6

335 Just as I am G9

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

426 What a friend we have in Jesus (G, STJ 26)

513 Peace to soothe all grief and woe G5

781 As water to the thirsty

AT

137 I heard the voice of Jesus say

230 Christ the worker

243 Wander in the sun

277 Like a wedding feast

284 Part of the family