



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 13 August
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and you are eager to give more than we desire or deserve.

Forgive us those things that make our conscience afraid,
and give us those things that we are not worthy to ask for,
except 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: MATTHEW 14:27

*But Jesus quickly spoke to them,
“have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”*

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“have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”**

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

STILL

Hide me now under Your wings. Cover me within Your mighty hand.
When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the flood; I will be still and know You are God.

**Find rest my soul in Christ alone. Know His power in quietness and trust.
When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the flood; I will be still and know You are God.**

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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 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what God the LORD says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants –
but let them not turn to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation

¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation

**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 preaching of God's word.

[silence]

**Everloving God, send out messengers to proclaim
your victory over death to the whole world,
so that people everywhere hear the good news,
and receive eternal life.**

**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: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt

37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

² This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of

Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate^[a] robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15 The word of the Lord is near you

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.'^[a] ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"'^[b] (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"'^[c] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,'^[d] that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'^[e] ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'^[f] ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'^[g]

After the reading

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Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The disciples cried out in fear; but Jesus said,

'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' ²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for showing yourself as the Son of God.
Help us always to trust and worship 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
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YOUR LOVE SURROUNDS ME

Your love surrounds me like a tent around me on a dark and stormy night.
Tho' fear is creeping as the darkness deepens, I will stay beside this light.

I will live with You for ever, I will live inside Your shelter.

I will live with You for ever in the house of God.

When death was coming, I was helpless, running, but I had no place to
hide. O, Jesus heard me cryin', Jesus saw me dyin', He came to my side.

I will live with You for ever, I will live inside Your shelter.

I will live with You for ever in the house of God.

You left Your Father, O, my baby brother, for the manger and the cross.
Your death is life for me, You killed my enemy, O, death has fin'ly lost.

I will live with You for ever, I will live inside Your shelter.

I will live with You for ever in the house of God.

The broken people, and the poor and feeble find a place of shelter here.
There's room for more to come and join the Father's Son, His love will take
your fear.

I will live with You for ever, I will live inside Your shelter.

I will live with You for ever in the house of God.

Robin Mann 1978

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SERMON

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or Read and Discuss the Sermon

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OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FALL)

**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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OFFERING PRAYER

*Lord, thank you for caring for us
and providing us with all we need and much more.
Strengthen our faith as we live our everyday lives.
Make us bold and confident in trusting you
and serving you and other people.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We are often tossed about by the storms of troubles, worries, and doubts. So let us cry out to God in faith for our needs and the needs of all people.

Thank you heavenly Father for your goodness and grace shown to us this week, for every physical and spiritual blessing. We thank you for your powerful word which has sustained your people throughout the ages, and which upholds your church today. Give us confidence in this word, and help us to hear, learn and keep it in our hearts.

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

Bless the church's work of preaching and teaching, and every Christian's task of bearing witness to you. Give people a hunger and curiosity to find out more about your salvation, and make churches ready to share the bread of life.

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

Thank you for calling people to serve your church in this country and overseas. Bless the College of Bishops and all who serve the Church as members of boards, committees, and commissions.

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

You assured the disciples that they were not alone – help your people to believe in the communion of saints, and protect Christians whose lives are endangered because of their confession.

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

You appointed those in authority to serve your purposes - so move and guide the leaders of the world that your will may be done. Bless our land and its leaders. Bless all health and welfare institutions and personnel: doctors, nurses, hospitals, homes for the aged, carers, social services, administrators, social workers. We now bring before you all whom we know are sick, frightened or grieving, and in any kind of trouble (*brief silence*).

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

Heavenly Father, our faithful and loving God, we know that when we turn to you, you will hear and help us. Listen to our prayers and answer them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are scared.

May he give you faith to trust in him.

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WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.

Trust the Lord as you step out boldly.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in!**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

**Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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Second reading: Romans 10:5-15

LHS

138 The Lord my God be praised

139 We all believe in one true God, Father*

142 We all believe in one true God, Maker* G3
159 O for a thousand tongues to sing* G5
271 The gospel shows the Father's grace G5
504 To Thy temple I repair G5
782 At the name of Jesus G7
793 To God be the glory (G, STJ, 50)

AT

26 He is Lord
103 Send your servant down the road
244 We have seen the Word of life
349 There is a redeemer
362 I believe, I do
446 Mercy
455 All this I believe

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

LHS

149 Jesus, priceless treasure* G3
301 Take Thou my hand and lead me* G3
524 The golden morning (esp vv 4,5)*
578 Eternal Father, strong to save G6
854 Be still, my soul
862 As we step from the edge of morning GS
878 Your love surrounds me GS

AT

10 Your love surrounds me
101 As we step from the edge of morning
203 Keeping my eyes on you
235 In your hand, my Saviour