

SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 6 August
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord God, you reveal your almighty power
most of all in showing mercy.**

**In your loving kindness
let us run towards what you have promised,
and share in your heavenly treasure.**

**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: MATTHEW 14:14

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd,
He had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

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INVOCATION

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

Amen.

JESUS OUR SAVIOUR

Jesus our Saviour, of true joy the giver,
Alpha and Omega, lo He is here!
Mighty Creator, and strong to deliver,
God and yet man, He to us draweth near.
Christians, proclaim Him, the same now and ever:
Jesus our Saviour, of true joy the giver.

Jesus our Saviour as King ever reigneth;
Sing of His mercy, and praise ye His might.
Loving and gracious, to seek you He deigneth;
Open your hearts to your Lord with delight.
Guarding, upholding, His own He sustaineth:
Jesus our Saviour as King ever reigneth..

Jesus our Saviour is come, death to suffer;
Sins of the world as the Lamb He must bear.
Dying for sinners, in grace He can offer
Pardon and peace for all mankind to share.
Love beyond telling, what gifts dost thou proffer!
Jesus our Saviour is come, death to suffer..

Jesus our Saviour is come, grace bestowing,
Coming in mercy each longing to still.
Life-giving waters for all are now flowing:
Come, ye who thirst; come and drink, ye who will.
Wondrous the mercy and love He is showing:
Jesus our Saviour is come, grace bestowing.

Jesus our Saviour is Lord now and ever;
Hasten, ye nations, to own Him in faith;
Throng to His banner, and pledge Him for ever:
'Thine would we be, and would serve Thee till death.'
Spread ye His gospel - His truth faileth never:
Tell of this Saviour, our Lord now and ever.

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 17:1-17, 15

¹ *Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry.*

Hear my prayer – it does not rise from deceitful lips.

² *Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.*

In righteousness I will see your face.

³ *Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed.*

⁴ *Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded.*

⁵ *My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled.*

In righteousness I will see your face.

⁶ *I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.*

⁷ *Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.*

In righteousness I will see your face.

*¹⁵ As for me, I shall be vindicated and shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with seeing your likeness.*

In righteousness I will see your face.

**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 bread of life.

[silence]

**Thank you, compassionate God, that your Son healed the sick
and fed those who were hungry.**

**Satisfy our hunger both for daily bread
and for the life-giving bread that lasts 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 32:22-31 Jacob wrestles with God

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' ²⁷ The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,^[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' ²⁹ Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do

you ask my name?’ Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[b] saying, ‘It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.’ ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel,^[c] and he was limping because of his hip.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5 Paul's sorrow for his own people

9 I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised!^[a] Amen.

After the reading
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Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
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*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus feeds the five thousand

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' ¹⁶ Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. ¹⁸ 'Bring them here to me,' he said. ¹⁹ And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your great compassion.
Help us to receive your generosity with thanks,
and share your gifts with 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**

Ancient of Days - CityAlight

**Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear for this truth remains
that my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands.
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.**

**Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul;
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O His love is sure, and He knows my name;
for my God is, the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands.
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.**

**Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands.
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.**

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](#))

Feed us now, Bread of life

**Feed us now, Bread of life in this holy meal;
let us know Your love anew: we hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.**

**Piece of bread, cup of wine: Lord, this food is good:
love and mercy come to us - Your promise we trust.**

**Piece of bread, cup of wine; who can understand
how His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

**God is here, O so near, nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.**

**God is here, O so near, in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You - on the bread that is true.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Lord, we thank you for giving us
not only what we need, but much more.
Help us joyfully to accept your good gifts,
especially life and fellowship with you,
and to share your gifts with others.
Make us generous and self-giving.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God has made us his people and given us his Spirit. So let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all the people in the world.

Almighty God, heavenly Father: We thank and praise you for all your good gifts to us – food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all we need from day to day. Thank you that through these, you are good to us every moment of the day. Help us to see your goodness and give praise to you with a thankful heart. Lead us to share your goodness with others through our daily vocation.

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

Grant that your holy church may be the bearers of your new creation throughout the world. Give all pastors grace to preach your re-creative word with power. Move your people to support the work of your church through their offerings and through being involved in the various programs of our congregation/parish. Bless our Bishop *Mark Vanikka* with the gifts necessary to fulfill his calling.

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

We thank you for your good gift of peace and stability in our country. Bless our elected leaders with truth, wisdom and justice. Help all leaders in politics and society, culture and industry, to be agents of good and blessing to the community.

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

Bless the work of Australian Lutheran World Service as it helps less fortunate communities develop regular means of sustenance. Help us who have been abundantly blessed to share what we have with those who hunger and thirst. And give those communities sun and rain in right measure for the growing of healthy harvests.

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

Bless and help those among us who are sick, in need, or who suffer in some way. Help them with your Holy Spirit, so they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

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

Heavenly Father, you show your loving care for the whole world, and your Son satisfied the needs of the five thousand. In your great goodness answer our prayers; through 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 feed you in body and in spirit and meet all your needs.

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WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace, filled with the abundant life that God gives you.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Genesis 32:22-31

LHS

146 Thee, O Jesus, I'll not leave G8
326 O how great is Thy compassion*
G3

AT

342 Jacob struggled for a blessing
399 In the darkest night

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

LHS

38 In peace and joy I now depart*
G4
44 Thou light of gentile nations* G4
265 How blest are they who hear
God's word* G3
898 Now, Lord, you let your servant
go GS
900 O Lord, now let your servant G6

AT

104 Now, Lord, you let your servant
go
152 I have made a covenant with my
chosen
329 This kingdom

TIS

324 Lord, bid your servant go in
peace
733 Lord God, you now have set your
servant free

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

LHS

265 How blest are they who hear
God's word* G3
269 Speak forth Thy Word, O Father
G4
282 Draw nigh, and take the body of
the Lord*
284 O living Bread from heaven* G6
290 O Bread of life from heaven* G3
326 O how great is Thy compassion*
G3
835 Bread of heaven, on you we feed
G5
837 Feed us now, Bread of life GS

838 I am the Bread of life GS
849 With holy joy my heart shall beat

AT

79 Feed us now
167 I am the Bread of life
226 All is nearness
267 Bread of heaven
313 Longing for light
332 We are sorry (esp chorus)
344 The New Road (esp v 4)
356 Give glory
473 Bread for the world
474 The bread of angels