



## SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 10 September  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord, in your constant mercy  
cleanse and defend your church.  
Guide it forever by your goodness  
because it cannot remain safe without you.  
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 18:15

*If your brother sins against you, go to Him. Tell him what he did wrong.  
Keep it between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won him back.*

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back.**

### INVOCATION

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

## ONE FAMILY

**One family, we're together; One family now and ever;  
Sharing the sorrow we have sometimes to share,  
Giving our hearts to show that we care.**

**Give me your hand and I'll love you; Open your heart and I'll find you.  
When faith is low I'll show you Jesus as your friend,  
When times are good I will lean on you.**

**Some day when this life is over, We'll stand in heaven together.  
Till then I ask you just to help me on my way,  
Point me to Jesus and tell me he cares.**

**One in the faith that unites us, One in the Lord who has saved us,  
One in the hope of life with Jesus our King,  
One family, together we'll stay evermore.**

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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 149: 1-5**

*<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup>*

***The Lord takes delight in his people;  
he crowns the humble with salvation.***

*Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.*

***The Lord takes delight in his people;  
he crowns the humble with salvation.***

*<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;  
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.*

*<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music to him with tambourine and harp.*

*<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes delight in his people;  
he crowns the humble with victory.*

*<sup>5</sup> Let his faithful people rejoice in this honour  
and sing for joy on their beds.*

***The Lord takes delight in his people;  
he crowns the humble with 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 harmony in the church.*

[silence]

**Thank you, heavenly Father, that through your Son  
you have reconciled us to yourself and to one another.  
Teach us to follow his example by living at peace with each other.  
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: Exodus 12:1-14** The Lord institutes the Passover

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> ‘This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb<sup>[a]</sup> for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup> ‘On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup> ‘This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD – a lasting ordinance.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14** The debt of love

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.<sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,'<sup>[a]</sup> and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. <sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.*

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20** Steps towards reconciliation

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>15</sup> 'If your brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup> sins,<sup>[b]</sup> go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[d]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be<sup>[e]</sup> loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

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

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
that we can come to the Father in your name.  
Help us to be in harmony among ourselves.  
Amen.**

### **A NEW COMMANDMENT**

**A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another, as I have loved you,  
That you love one another, as I have loved you.  
And by this shall all men know you are my disciples,  
If you have love one for another.  
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## **SERMON**

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.

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## **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**

## **SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD**

**Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.**

**God be with us in our lives, direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives, keep us from falling.**

**Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.**

**God, increase in us the life that Christ by dying gave us:  
though we faint in mortal strife his blood will save us.**

**Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.**

**Strengthen in our hearts the love we owe to one another;  
how can we love God above and not our brother?**

**Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.**

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Thank you, Lord, for having mercy on us  
and accepting us as your people.  
Help us to be more and more like you,  
and work harmoniously with one another.  
Teach us to show love to each other,  
and to all people as they have needs.  
*Amen.***

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Our Lord has promised us, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them'. Since our Lord Jesus Christ is present with us, let us pray to our Father with confidence.*

Dear Heavenly Father: bless your church, and keep us grounded on you and in your gospel. Help us receive sinners with compassion and forgiveness. Help us to remember that we need your compassion and forgiveness as much as anyone.

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

We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who have strayed from faith in Christ. Please remember, them Father, and though they have turned from you, remind them time and time again that you are still there for them waiting for them to return. Give us patience and compassion, and stop us



from trying to close the door when we have no right. Keep us hoping and looking for opportunities to reach out with the love of Christ in this community, and bless our efforts.

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

Watch over the enemies of the church, Lord. Help them to hear the word of your grace, open their hearts to receive Christ so that they may also know the mercy and love of God which gives us so much hope.

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

Please help all those who live with anger and bitterness in their hearts. Give them joy, the precious joy that only Christ can give, and open their hearts to your healing love and give them peace.

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

Heavenly Father, even in the divisions of this world you make your church unified in Christ. Keep us bound together in love, and hear the prayer we have offered in Jesus' name. **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 you be a peace maker.*

**May you be a peace maker.**

## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace*

*to live in harmony with one another.*

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

## **MAY THE FATHER OF LOVE**

**May the Father of love stir you deep in your heart.**

**May the Son bring His tears to your crying.**

**May the Spirit of love rise anew ev'ry day,  
and compassion flare up in your soul.**

**May you live day by day and for those whom you meet.**

**May you care, though your heart will be broken.**

**May your voice be as one with the cry of the poor,  
and the hungry be filled with your food.**

**May your love in your deeds work for peace on this earth,  
for our God dwells within those who suffer.  
May you ache for the time war will pass from your life,  
and your freedom frustrate Caesar's pow'r.**

**May the Father of love stir you deep in your heart.  
May the Son bring His tears to your crying.  
May the Spirit of love rise anew ev'ry day,  
and compassion flare up in your soul.**

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## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading (a): Exodus 12:1-14**

#### **LHS**

89 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong  
bands

834 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

847 The Lamb's high banquet called  
to share

#### **AT**

349 There is a redeemer

### **Second reading: Romans 13:8-14**

#### **LHS**

1 Hark, a herald voice is calling

203 Through the night of doubt and  
sorrow

205 Soldiers of Christ, arise

225 Soldiers of the cross, arise

239 Son of God, eternal Saviour G4

327 Jesus, Thy blood and  
righteousness

380 O God of mercy, God of might

381 O God our Father, throned on  
high

487 Wake, awake, for night is flying\*

853 A new commandment I give unto  
you

855 Brother, let me be your servant

859 Seek, O seek the Lord

#### **AT**

65 A new commandment

177 Love one another

191 Brother, let me be your servant

301 May the Father of love

373 Bound by love

491 You call me to love

506 Oh, let's get up to love and serve

### **Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

#### **LHS**

246 Father, be Thy blessing shed\*

269 Speak forth Thy word, O Father

270 The law of God is good and wise

271 The gospel shows the Father's  
grace

504 To Thy temple I repair

505 Father, who the light this day

506 Jesus, where'er Thy people meet

797 Blest be the tie that binds

800 May we be one

802 One family, we're together GS

803 Peace with the Father G7

#### **AT**

31 Freely, freely

62 One family

172 May we be one

313 Christ, be our light

488 Open our eyes