



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 29 October 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God,
in mercy you give the light of your gospel to your church.
Keep us in sound teaching, so that we may firmly believe
and faithfully follow your saving word,
and finally, with its holy comfort, die in peace and joy.
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

No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands.
The law simply shows us how sinful we all are.
But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him.
We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.
Because of Christ Jesus, God freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.
We are right with God by the free gift of his grace.

INVOCATION

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

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
save from wrath and make me pure.

**Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids shall in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown,
and behold Thee on Thy throne:
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.**

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CONFESSION OF SINS

*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.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF ADORATION - WT

**Praise to God who reigns on high;
peace on earth to those He loves.
We praise and thank and worship You,
Lord our God, our heavenly king,
God the Father, mighty one.**

**Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,
You take away our sin and guilt;
You that sit at God's right hand,
hear us and have mercy, Lord.**

**You alone are holy, Christ,
only You are Lord of all;
for, with the Spirit, You alone
share the Father's glory, Christ.
Praise the Lord most high! Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God, you constantly form and reform your church
through the pure preaching of your word
and the right administration of your sacraments.**

**Renew our hearts today through your word
so that we may be strong in faith towards you
and eager in good works towards all people.**

**Fill us with the great knowledge of your
grace in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

Amen.

PSALM 46

*¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.*

*² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,*

*³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

*⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

*⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.*

*⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.*

*⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.*

*⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.*

*He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields^[d] with fire.*

*¹⁰ He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.'*

*¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

**Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:27-34 The Lord's new covenant

²⁷ 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. ²⁸ Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,' declares the LORD. ²⁹ 'In those days people will no longer say, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." ³⁰ Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes – their own teeth will be set on edge. ³¹ 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to^[a] them,' declares the LORD. ³³ 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the LORD. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the LORD. 'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.'

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

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 Justification by faith

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in^[a] Jesus Christ to all who

believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^[b] through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished ²⁶ – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the ‘law’ that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

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

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11, 31-36 "In my word, you will know the truth"

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” ³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ ³³ They answered him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?’ ³⁴ Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

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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MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.

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A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD – LH 195

**A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon,
our faithful helper in all need, our stay, whate'er may happen.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great might
are his dread arms in fight; on earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our fall effected;
but for us fights the valiant one whom God Himself elected.**

**Ask ye: Who is this? Christ Jesus it is,
of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;
He holds the field for ever.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
we tremble not, we fear no ill, they shall not overpower us.**

**This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
he can harm us none; he's judged, for e'er undone;
one little word can fell him.**

**Despite all foes, the Word shall stand against all their endeavour;
God's gifts and Spirit, close at hand, shall be with us forever.**

**Though they cause distress, take all we possess,
though they hurt and kill, we are victorious still;
the kingdom's ours forever.**

**Martin Luther (1483-1546) : T
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OFFERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
there is nothing we can offer to you to make up for our sin.
Yet in your great love, you have given us Jesus
our Saviour to put us right with you.
Accept the gifts we offer here today,
as signs of our thankfulness for your great gift of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Since God has gathered us together to be his holy people, let us pray that we may love him with all our hearts and all our souls and all our minds, and let us pray for our neighbours as we pray for ourselves, responding to the words **Lord, in your love** with **hear our prayer**.*

Heavenly Father: thank you that you are our Lord, the God of love, and that because of your love for us we have significance and purpose, as well as forgiveness through Jesus. We pray for all Christians, that we may be guided by the Spirit to fulfill the law of love, and that we may enjoy the blessings of a loving relationship with you and with others.

Lord, in your love...hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful people to speak your word with truth and clarity, dear Father. Preserve us from confusing the law with the gospel, and help us depend on Christ and not on our own performance.

Lord, in your love...hear our prayer.

Bring the gospel of your love through Jesus to those who live in hatred of you and of their neighbours. Protect victims of abuse and violence, and bring peace to homes, cities, and nations.

Lord, in your love...hear our prayer.

Feed the malnourished and starving, dear Lord. Have mercy on those who are impoverished, and give success to groups that serve those in need, and in particular we name our own Australian Lutheran World Service.

Lord, in your love...hear our prayer.

We place into your hands all the activities and people of this congregation, dear Father, praying that you will bless our life together. In particular, give health and strength to *(insert names)* and especially give them strength of faith in Christ.

Lord, in your love...hear our prayer.

Our life is short, and we soon return to dust. Give us confidence in the final resurrection of the dead, and of the return and rule of Christ. Sustain those we know in particular need and whom we now name in our hearts... *(brief silence)*.

Lord, in your love...hear our prayer.

Bless the families, students, and staff at Grace Lutheran Primary School. Today we pray specially for Elijah in PM, Liam in 1B, Arlo & Callie in 1C, Arabella in 3H, Elodie in 3W, Alessia in 4N, Jonathan in 5R, Enebelle & Mackenzie in 5T, Jessica & Violet in 6K and staff member Jasmin & John. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Lord, only you can satisfy our needs and the needs of all people. We commit ourselves and our neighbours into your loving care, trusting that you will continue to provide everything we need from day to day. In Jesus' name we pray. **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 TO SHARE

*May you know the freedom of God's grace,
May you know the freedom of God's grace,
the depths of God's love,
the depths of God's love,
and the joy of God's service.
and the joy of God's service. Amen.*

LORD OF CREATION, TO YOU BE ALL PRAISE – LH 379/TIS 626

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways;
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom: your service is song:
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart:
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
Your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all:
if ever I leave you, I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your Word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way..

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (b): Leviticus 19:1,2,15-18

LHS

- 140 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty G5
- 337 God, from all eternity* (alt tune 276, G5)
- 358 Renew me, O eternal light* G3
- 372 We give Thee but Thine own G5
- 816 O Fount of good, for all your love G7
- 819 Wake us, O Lord, to human need GS
- 855 Brother, let me be your servant GS

AT

- 119 Come and praise him, royal priesthood

177 Love one another
184 Love is the law
191 The servant song
292 Because we bear your name
300 Practise love
310 Yesu, Yesu

Second reading: 1Thessalonians 2:1-8

LHS

220 Speed Thy servants, Saviour, speed them G6
236 Gracious God, our heavenly Father G6
239 Son of God, eternal Saviour G4

AT

83 Pass it on
103 Send your servant
297 Let us talents and tongues employ
402 God has chosen me
413 The summons

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

LHS

16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed G6
151 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me* G5
344 Our God is love, and all His saints* G6
359 Thee will I love, my strength, my treasure* G6
366 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult G7
381 O God, our Father, throned on high (alt tune 391, G9)
385 With all my heart I love Thee, Lord* G7
853 A new commandment GS

AT

65 A new commandment
177 Love one another
185 Jesus, Son of God and man
301 May the Father of love
310 Yesu, Yesu, fill us with your love
329 This kingdom
506 O let's get up to love and serve