



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 3 March 2024
Third Sunday in Lent



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty God,
look in mercy on our heartfelt desires,
and stretch out your mighty hand
to defend us.

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 SENTENCES

*The Lord said to Israel: If you obey my voice and keep my covenant,
you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. (Exod 19:5a,6a NRSV)*

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.***

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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.*

GOD FORGIVES

..... peace be with you.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Let us pray that we live repentant lives.

[silence]

**Holy and merciful God,
we thank you for giving your Son Jesus
to die on the cross for us sinners.**

**Turn us away from our sins
and back to a life of trust in you.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

PSALM 19

*¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.*

*³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.*

*⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.*

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

*⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.*

*⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

*⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

*⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.*

*⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring for ever.*

*The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.*

*¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.*

*¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

*¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.*

*¹³ Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.*

*¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

**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 READING

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 The ten commandments

20 And God spoke all these words: ² 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ 'You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ 'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a

sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ 'You shall not murder. ¹⁴ 'You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ 'You shall not steal. ¹⁶ 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. ¹⁷ 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Christ crucified – God's power and wisdom

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22 Jesus cleanses the temple and gives a sign

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the

temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' ²⁰They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

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

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YOU SAY

**I keep fighting voices in my mind That say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up**

**Am I more than just the sum of Ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am Because I need to know oo oh**

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe What You say of me I believe**

**The only thing that matters now Is ev'rything You think of me
In You I find my worth In You I find my identity**

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe What You say of me I believe**

**Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You'll have ev'ry failure God You'll have ev'ry victory**

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak**

**You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe What You say of me I believe
Oh I believe yes I believe What You say of me I believe**

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for Christ crucified,
as your wisdom and the power that saves us.
Help us to have no other gods but you,
and to live our lives fully committed to you,
obeying your commandments
and loving and serving other people.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God heavenly Father, you have commanded us to have no other gods. Keep us faithful to you alone and dethrone the idols in our lives.

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

Holy Lord, your name is holy and you placed it on us in our baptism. Help us keep it pure and use it properly, in prayer and praise.

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

Lord our Creator and Redeemer, you created six days for work and the seventh to enjoy your holy rest. Help us use the Lord's day to rest in you by hearing and growing in your word.

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

Father of all families, help all parents bring up their children to love and honour you, and build our children's love for and obedience of their parents and all in rightful authority.

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

Lord of life, build respect among all people for the world and life you create. Let us do nothing to hurt or harm our neighbour in any way, but move us to help in times of need.

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

Bridegroom of the church, you have established marriage and continue to bless it for our good. Give us grace to lead a chaste and pure life with others, and help those who are married to remain faithful to each other with patience and forgiveness.

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

Almighty God, you supply the things we need for daily life and the work by which we obtain them. Help us to contribute to each other's well-being by sharing our possessions with those in need.

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

Friend of sinners, prevent us from doing anything to damage our neighbour's reputation. Make us more ready to forgive than to judge, and keep us from angry outbursts and malicious talk.

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

Dear Lord, bless us with contentment in all that you have given us. Make us good stewards of all your gifts, and give us a generous and joyful heart in serving our neighbour.

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

Today we especially ask your blessing on those in particular need, and others we now name silently in our hearts (*brief silence*).

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

Bless the families, students, and staff at Grace Lutheran Primary School. Today we pray specially for Rania in PW, Isla in 1O, Celine in 2C, Alex in 2M, Charlie in 2R, Layla in 3N, Leon & Neirah in 4R, Elan in 5L, Danny & Jax in 5R, MCKenzie in 6B, Sakura in 6J and staff members Megan L & Chloe D. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer 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 TO SHARE

May God make you wise, so that you believe in Jesus and are saved.
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JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God The Light of the world

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

LHS

- 270 The law of God is good and wise G3
- 345 O that the Lord would guide my ways* G6
- 353 Holy Father, Thou hast taught me* G5
- 355 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil* G3

AT

- 120 One God

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

LHS

- 54 When I survey the wondrous cross G5
- 75 We sing the praise of Him who died G5
- 80 Praise to the Holiest in the height G8
- 162 In Jesus I find peace and rest (esp v 3)* G3
- 171 In the cross of Christ I glory G4
- 807 Lift high the cross GS
- 823 Your strong Word broke through the darkness G5

AT

- 244 We have seen the Word of life

Gospel: John 2:13-22

LHS

- 49 Alone Thou goest forth, O Lord G5
- 187 Glorious things of Thee are spoken* G9
- 188 Built on a rock the Church doth stand* G4
- 197 Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word* G5

AT

- 125 Man more than man