



## SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 10 March 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Lent



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty God,  
we justly suffer for our evil deeds,  
but we ask you to relieve us  
by the comfort of your kindness.  
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

*God loves us with a steadfast love.*  
**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**  
*God loves us so much he gave us his Son.*  
**Let us believe and have eternal life!**  
*God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.*  
**Let us have faith to receive this grace!**  
*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.*

### INVOCATION

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

Amen.

### THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

Lord I come to You Let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace That I've found in You  
Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away By the power of Your love

**Hold me close Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love**

**Lord unveil my eyes Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day By the power of Your love**

**Hold me close Let Your love surround me  
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**Geoff Bullock**

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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.*

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **LORD HAVE MERCY**

(spoken)

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**Amen.**

### **SONG OF ADORATION**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord God, you so love the world; we thank you that includes us. You gave your only Son; we thank you for giving him for us. You invite us all to believe in him; thank you for extending that invitation to us. Help us to live each day in your wonderful love, giving to others in your name. Amen.**

#### **PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup> *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

<sup>2</sup> *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble*

<sup>3</sup> *and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.*

<sup>17</sup> *Some were sick through their sinful ways  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;*

<sup>18</sup> *they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.*

*<sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;  
<sup>20</sup> he sent out his word and healed them  
and delivered them from destruction.*

*<sup>21</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.*

*<sup>22</sup> And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.*

**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: Numbers 21:4-9** The snake of bronze in the desert

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10** Saved by grace through faith

**2** You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is

now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, <sup>4</sup>but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

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

**GOSPEL: John 3:14-21** Jesus brings life and light to the world

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

## **O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS**

**O the deep deep love of Jesus Vast unmeasured boundless free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me  
Underneath me all around me Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward leading homeward To my glorious rest above**

**O the deep deep love of Jesus Spread His praise from shore to shore  
How He loveth ever loveth Changeth never nevermore  
How He watches o'er His loved ones Died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth Watches over them from the throne**

**O the deep deep love of Jesus Love of every love the best  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing 'Tis a haven sweet of rest  
O the deep deep love of Jesus 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me  
And it lifts me up to glory For it lifts me up to Thee**

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### **MESSAGE**

**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**

## **YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)**

**I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted You were condemned  
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died And rose again**

**I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted You were condemned  
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died And rose again**

**Amazing love How can it be  
That You my King Would die for me  
Amazing love I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You**

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That You my King Would die for me  
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It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You**

**You are my King You are my King  
Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King**

**Amazing love How can it be  
That You my King Would die for me  
Amazing love I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You**

**Billy J. Foote**

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Father in heaven, your giving knows no bounds. You gave even your beloved Son to bring us to yourself. Help us to reflect your giving heart in our support of your church and those who are in need. Amen.**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Jesus Christ was lifted up to be the light of the world. Let us pray that his light may shine into the darkness of our world today.*

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are the light of the world. Stand by your Church and shine your light through it, so that all may see your wonderful works, faithfulness to all your people, and that in you alone are forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

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

We pray for all those who are blind and for all who work with them. Heavenly Father, provide them with tools to live their daily lives. We pray for our governments and people in authority. Guide them to do what is right in your eyes, so that your will may be done at all times.

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

We pray for everyone who is still living in darkness. We pray that you would lead them into the light of your Gospel and into eternal salvation through your Son. We pray for all those blinded by doubt or despair. Comfort them with your Gospel and bring them to renewed faith and life in you.

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

Father, just as you brought healing to the Israelites through the bronze snake, and eternal healing to the world through your Son, we pray that you will bring new life and healing to all those who are sick in our parish. Comfort all who mourn with the certain and pure hope that all believers will rise again with Jesus on the last day, victorious over sickness and death forever.

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

Give wisdom and right action to our Prime Minister *Anthony Albanese* and all national leaders. Thank you for the peace and good order we enjoy in this country, and bless the work of those who maintain it. Turn our nation to look to Christ in every need. And direct us all in the way of your forgiving grace.

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

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Learning Places. This week we prayer specially for Grace Lutheran Primary School students Isaac in PW, Summer in 1O, Evan in 1T, Avidan in 2C, Cooper, Pippa & Willow in 2M, Elsie in 2R, Wendi in 3A, Harriet & Isla in 5B, Holly & Maddison in 5R and staff members Angela C & Sarah B. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

We lift our eyes to you, Lord. Restore us and the world in which we live through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 shower you with love.*  
**May God shower you with love.**  
*May God fill you with belief in Jesus, your Saviour.*  
**May God fill you with belief in Jesus, your Saviour.**  
*May your life reflect God's love for you, now and always.*  
**May your life reflect God's love for you, now and always. Amen.**

### **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE**

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying death has brought me life - I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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## **HYMNS AND SONGS**

### **First reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

#### **LHS**

- 53 Jesus, refuge of the weary\* G3  
75 We sing the praise of Him who died G

#### **AT**

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#### **TIS**

- 347 We sing the praise of him who died

### **Second reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

#### **LHS**

- 112 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus G3  
281 Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour G8  
322 Dear Christians, one and all rejoice\* G3  
324 Salvation unto us has come\* G5  
326 O how great is Thy compassion\* G3  
330 Rock of ages, cleft for me G6  
449 Give to our God immortal praise  
777 Father in heaven GS  
851 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound GS

#### **AT**

- 115 Father in heaven  
131 Amazing grace  
171 Dying you destroyed our death  
225 Why do you love me  
352 Your love keeps following me  
438 It's gonna be alright  
446 Mercy

#### **TIS**

- 84 Give to our God immortal praise

118 We give immortal praise  
129 Amazing grace  
195 Salvation now to us has come  
196 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice  
213 Father, whose everlasting love  
222 Rock of ages, cleft for me  
373 Hail, our once despised Jesus  
465 Father in heaven

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

**LHS**

62 My song is love unknown (vv 1,2,5) G5 (*alt tune* A8, G8)  
177 O my Saviour, lifted G5  
441 With joyful heart your praises bring\* G3  
757 On my heart imprint your image  
793 To God be the glory GS  
807 Lift high the cross GS  
835 Bread of heaven, on you we feed G5  
852 God loved the world so that he gave G5  
881 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder G7

**AT**

126 The light of Christ  
237 John 3:16  
349 There is a redeemer  
451 Saviour of the world

**TIS**

147 To God be the glory  
155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
164 The great love of God  
174 Morning glory, starlit sky  
241 So God loved the people of the world  
341 My song is love unknown (vv 1,2,7)  
351 Lift high the cross  
513 Bread of heaven, on you we feed  
600 O my Saviour, lifted  
676 A spendthrift lover is the Lord  
771 Now to him who loved us, gave us