



## CHURCH @ HOME - SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 5 May 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, the giver of all good things,  
inspire us to think what is right  
and guide us to do it.  
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

*Jesus said: 'This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.'*

### INVOCATION

(Sung)

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

Amen.

### I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

**I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend, He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my prophet, priest, and king.**

**He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare, He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
O the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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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**

*(Sung)*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Christ, have mercy.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**SONG OF ADORATION – Pg6**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
among those with whom he is pleased.*

**We praise You, we bless You,  
we worship You, we glorify You,  
we give thanks to You for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly king,  
God, the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ, O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sin of the world;  
receive our prayer.**

**You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;  
have mercy on us.**

**For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord,  
You alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus, our loving friend and Saviour, you have promised to give us your Spirit to be with us forever. Stay within our hearts, so that we love one another as you have loved us. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## PSALM 98

*Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.*

*The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.*

*He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.*

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*

*Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.*

*Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
let them sing before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.*

**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: Acts 10:44-48** The Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6** Faith gives us victory over the world

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17** Jesus calls us his friends

*Before the reading*

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

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant

does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other.

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

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

**When I go you will look for Me When I go you will wonder  
When I go you will look for Me  
But I won't be gone you will see Me when you**

**Love one another Love one another  
Care for each other Love one another  
As I have loved you all**

**If you love you are friends of Mine If you love you're My children  
If you love you are friends of Mine  
Everyone will know I am with you when you**

**Love one another Love one another  
Care for each other Love one another  
As I have loved you all**

**Love your friends love your enemies Anytime anybody  
Love your friends love your enemies  
In this mystery you are loving Me so**

**Love one another Love one another  
Care for each other Love one another  
As I have loved you all**

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## **MESSAGE**

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.

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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy christian and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**THE KING HAS COME**  
**(The King Of Love Is My Delight)**

**The King of love is my delight His eyes are fire His face is light  
The First and Last the Living One His name is Jesus  
And from His mouth there comes a sound  
That shakes the earth and splits the ground  
And yet this voice is life to me The voice of Jesus**

**And I will sing my songs of love Calling out across the earth  
The King has come The King of love has come  
And troubled minds Can know His peace  
Captive hearts can be released The King has come  
The King of love has come**

**My Lover's breath is sweetest wine I am His prize and He is mine  
How can a sinner know such joy Because of Jesus  
The wounds of love are in His hands The price is paid for sinful man  
Accepted child forgiven son Because of Jesus**

**And I will sing my songs of love Calling out across the earth  
The King has come The King of love has come  
And troubled minds Can know His peace  
Captive hearts can be released The King has come  
The King of love has come**

**And my desire is to have You near Lord You know  
That You are welcome here Before such love before such grace  
I will let the walls come down**

**And I will sing my songs of love Calling out across the earth  
The King has come The King of love has come  
And troubled minds Can know His peace  
Captive hearts can be released The King has come  
The King of love has come**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, heavenly Father, for showing us your love in your Son Jesus, and for making us his friends. Help us to love you and obey your commands, and to love one another. Teach us to accept and serve others as you have accepted and served us.  
Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Our Lord Jesus promised that the Father would give us whatever we ask for in his name. In the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence for all our needs.*

Heavenly Father, thank you for your unfailing love, and for Jesus' perfect obedience to your commandments in our place. Motivate us by the gospel and direct us by your law to love as Jesus commanded.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

Thank you for directing Peter to embrace the Gentile household of Cornelius with your saving gifts. Show us that the gospel is for all people, no matter their race, colour or beliefs. Dissolve the boundaries we place in the way of love for others.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the church, the bride of Christ, that we may abide in your love, trusting in you and your word in all we do and say. Help us to love others as you first loved us, with serving and self-sacrificing hearts.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

We ask you to be with each of us and guide us in the way of love. We pray especially for the newly baptised and those coming to faith through your work in their lives. Protect them in times of temptation, and help them to keep the Father's commandments.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

Thank you for the gift of marriage, parents and children. Bless all parents and strengthen them as they strive to provide for their family's needs. Help parents to love their children as you love them, and to teach their children your word. Guide all children to know your love and to love you, and gladly follow you.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

As you created us in your own image, to live in communion with you and with other people, we pray for all who are lonely. Move us to open our hearts and our homes to others. Be with all those who struggle with grief. Bless those who long for the comfort

of human companionship with friends and loving partners in marriage, according to their need and your will.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

Thank you for those who use their musical gifts to help us worship you. Guide our worship by your word, and motivate us to gather with joy and family affection to receive the blessings you give us in the power of the Spirit through your Son, as we walk with him. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving as we realise the depths of your love for us and let our whole lives be a response of worship to you.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer**

Bless the families, students, and staff at all of our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS students, Beau & Harry in PS, Taj in PW, Keira & Leon in 1O, Fletcher & Hugo in 1T, Aria in 2M, Sonny in 2R, Mila in 3A, Ruby & Lewis in 4C, Grayson in 4W, and staff members Jess C & Solveig H. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Heavenly Father, through the Spirit of your Son, may we remain in your love and bear much fruit in our lives. We ask all these things through 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**

*May the friendship of Jesus fill you with peace and joy.*  
**May the friendship of Jesus fill you with peace and joy.**  
*May the friendship of Jesus lead you to love others.*  
**May the friendship of Jesus lead you to love others.**  
*May you remain in the love of Jesus, now and always.*  
**May you remain in the love of Jesus, now and always. Amen.**

## OUR GOD IS LOVE

Our God is love, and all his saints his image bear below;  
the hearts with love to God inspired with love to others glow.

Teach us to love each other, Lord, as we are loved by you;  
none who are truly born of God can live in hatred too.

Heirs of the same immortal bliss, our hopes and fears the same,  
with bonds of love our hearts unite, with mutual love inflame.

So may the unbelieving world see how true Christians love;  
and glorify our Saviour's grace, and seek that grace to prove.

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## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading: Acts 10:44-48**

#### **LHS**

- 277 Baptized into Thy name most holy\* G4
- 279 He that believes and is baptized\* (*alt tune* 106, G3)
- 826 Father welcomes all his children GS

#### **AT**

- 4 Father welcomes all his children

#### **TIS**

- 479 They that believe and are baptized
- 481 Baptized into your name most holy
- 491 Father welcomes all his children

### **Second reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

#### **LHS**

- 142 We all believe in one true God\* G3
- 321 Faith is a living power from heaven\* G5
- 323 Blessed are the sons of God\* G4
- 324 Salvation unto us has come\* G5(*vv 1,5,6 original, vv 1,4,5 revised*)
- 344 Our God is love, and all His saints\* G6
- 763 Now is eternal life (*alt tune* 176, G9)

#### **AT**

- 68 This is my commandment
- 155 We believe
- 177 Love one another

257 Jesus is living, he is here now among us  
301 May the Father of love  
455 All this I believe

### **TIS**

195 Salvation now to us has come (vv 1,4,5)  
257 Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice  
385 Now is eternal life  
435 We all believe in God who made  
563 Let him to whom we now belong

### **Gospel: John 15:9-17**

### **LHS**

62 My song is love unknown (vv 1,2,5) G5 (*alt tune A8, G8*)  
103 I know that my Redeemer lives\* G3  
165 One there is, above all others\* G8  
193 Jesus, with Thy Church abide \* G9  
334 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee\* G3  
344 Our God is love, and all His saints\* G6  
359 Thee will I love, my strength, my treasure\* G6  
361 Let us ever walk with Jesus\* G5

### **AT**

68 This is my commandment  
177 Love one another

### **TIS**

248 When Christ was lifted from the earth  
251 Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice  
257 Alleluia (v 5)  
341 My song is love unknown (vv 1,2,7)  
376 I know that my Redeemer lives  
394 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna  
439 What shall we offer our good Lord  
534 Love is his word, love is his way (vv 1,5,6)  
641 This is my will, my one command  
656 Jesus, my Lord