

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 30 June Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, you have prepared for those who love you good things beyond our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that we may love you in all things and above all things, and obtain what you have promised, which is more than we can desire. 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

We gather today, burdened by the weight of the world. Sadness is in our hearts, and and doubt clouds our hope. Yet you, O Lord, offer light in the darkness Your steadfast love never ceases and great is your faithfulness! Even in despair, God's love remains constant. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken, like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning, Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word. Sweet the rain's new fall, Sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall, on the fresh grass. Praise for the sweetness, Of the wet garden; Spring in completeness, Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light, Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation, of the new day!

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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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, even in times of hardship, doubt, or despair, your steadfast love remains a constant light, guiding us through the darkness. Help us, Lord, to fix our eyes on you today. Renew our faith in your unfailing love and give us the courage to face challenges and disappointments with hope and compassion. Make us instruments of your peace and healing in the world. Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33 The Lord's goodness and mercy will not fail

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the Lord has laid it on him. Let him bury his face in the dust – there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For no one is cast off by the Lord for ever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

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

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Paul encourages generous giving

But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: 'The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.'

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

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43 Jesus restores a girl to life and heals a woman

Before the reading Glory be to You, O LORD.

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered round him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, 'My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.' So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed round him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned round in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothes?' 'You see the people crowding against you,' his disciples answered, 'and yet you can ask, "Who touched me?" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.' While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher anymore?' Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.' He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!'). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon. For Church YouTube Channel (<u>click here</u>) For LCA Worship Resources (<u>click here</u>)

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

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, new every morning, great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, because of your steadfast love we are blessed, each and every day. Fill us your loving concern for others, so that we may be generous in giving, sharing and caring. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord turns mourning into dancing and changes death into life, so let's pray with faith in Christ.

Heavenly Father: thank you for sending Jesus to us, with healing and hope through his death and mighty resurrection. We cry to you in our need. Be merciful and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake.

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

Thank you for your abundant gifts of life and health. And thank you for your fatherly discipline, to correct and train us. Build up your people's faith in sickness and in health, and keep us always looking to Christ.

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

Thank you for the superb medical care we enjoy. Continue your healing mercy through it. Give doctors, nurses and all health workers patience and skill for their task, and bring them to honour life and healing as your precious gifts.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those without adequate health care or hospitals. Remove the conditions which disrupt proper services, and turn the rich to give generously so there may be equality on earth.

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

We pray for those who lie sick and miserable; for those who suffer debilitating illness without hope of cure. And we pray for the mentally ill and for all whom society shuts away. Relieve their distress and heal them, dear Lord.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Thank you that we have received the good news of Jesus' victory over sin and death, and that we look forward to the final resurrection and life with you forever. Bring your word into every home and move people to repent of their sins and believe in Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Bless Your church and our congregation so that we may be effective in proclaiming and teaching the gospel, and so that each of us may take the compassion of Christ to those we know facing personal loss.

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

Loving Father, for our sake Jesus became poor so that we might become rich according to your grace. Feed us again with his precious body and blood, and when our last hour comes, take us to our eternal home with you. 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 God's unfailing love, new every morning, fill you with hope and peace. May God's unfailing love, new every morning, fill you with hope and peace. May God's goodness flow into your heart and your life. May God's goodness flow into your heart and your life. May God's enduring faithfulness give you strength to face whatever comes your way. May God's enduring faithfulness give you strength to face whatever comes your way. May God's enduring faithfulness give you strength to face whatever comes your way. May God's enduring faithfulness give you strength to face whatever comes your way. Amen.

AMAZING LOVE

Amazing love, laying down Your Glory, You endured the cross instead of us; sacrificed Your own life, bore the wrath of God. Jesus, You have paid the price for me, made a way to set this sinner free.

Unto You, Lord, I bring my worship, for You are good, Your love overwhelming. Hope of the world, Your grace is extended, offering life to all who accept it

Amazing grace, no way I can earn it, it's only by Your blood that I can come, trusting in Your mercy, I'm at peace with God. Jesus, You have won the victory; death has lost its power over me.

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (b): Lamentations 3:22-33

LHS

- 390 Wait, my soul, with patience
- 403 Lord Jesus Christ, my Saviour blest
- 415 Whatever God ordains is good
- 519 While yet the morn is breaking
- 530 Every morning mercies new*

AT

- 123 Morning has broken
- 153 The steadfast love of the Lord
- 212 Hush now, for I am your God
- TIS
- 104 While morning still is breaking
- 109 What God ordains is always good
- 128 Sometimes a light surprises
- 154 Great is your faithfulness
- 156 Thank you for giving me the morning
- 162 Morning has broken
- 617 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

LHS

- 22 Let us all with gladsome voice
- 239 Son of God, eternal Saviour
- 359 Thee will I love
- 362 What shall I give to God my Saviour
- 367 O bring to the Lord your tribute of praise

AT

- 265 For all your goodness, Lord
- 358 We bring the gifts that you have brought us

TIS

- 174 Morning glory, starlit sky
- 606 Son of God, eternal Saviour
- 721 He became poor

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

LHS

- 158 Jesus, lover of my soul
- 241 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

- 242 Thou to whom the sick and dying
- 332 Thy works, not mine, O Christ
- 335 Just as I am, without one plea
- 419 Jesus, Lord of life and glory
- 429 All creatures of our God and King
- 438 All nations that on earth do dwell
- 815 O Christ the healer, we have come
- 817 O Jesus Christ, to you may hymns be rising

AT

- 188 They came, knew his name
- 256 I will exalt you, O Lord
- 429 Praise the Lord, O my soul
- 496 Don't be afraid

TIS

- 100 All creatures of our God and King
- 211 Jesus, lover of my soul
- 584 Just as I am, without one plea
- 620 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
- 638 O Christ the healer, we have come
- 661 Woman in the night
- 737 Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all