



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 7 July
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts a love for your name.
Nourish in us what is good,
and preserve in us what you have nourished.
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

*Come, let us gather to worship our Lord Jesus,
who sends us out in faith and empowers us with the Holy Spirit.*
He taught with authority and sent his disciples out with power.
We come to seek his wisdom and his help
Though Jesus faced rejection, he continued his mission and calls us to do the same.
Let us embrace our calling with perseverance, sustained by God's love.

INVOCATION

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

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

(Pass It On)

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love: Once you've experienced it,
You spread his love to everyone, You want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love: Once you've experienced it,
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top: I want my world to know,
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

Kurt Kaiser

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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)

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 – STF/Pg58

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 Jesus, as you sent out your disciples with faith and authority, we ask for guidance and strength to follow your call in our own lives. Help us to trust in your provision and to step out boldly, even in the face of doubt and rejection. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful witnesses of your love and grace in our day-to-day situations. Amen.

PSALM 123

*I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.*

*Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.
We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.*

**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: Ezekiel 2:1-5 Prophet to a rebellious nation

'The Lord said: 'Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.' As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says." And whether they listen or fail to listen – for they are a rebellious people – they will know that a prophet has been among them.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Paul boasts of his weaknesses

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows – was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13 Jesus rejected in his home town; sends out the Twelve

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. 'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.' He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

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

WAKE US O LORD

**Wake us, O Lord, to human need To go wherever you would lead;
Awake our senses so that we More sensitive to needs may be.**

**Open our eyes that we may see The mask that covers misery,
The hidden tear, the worried frown, The loneliness of those let down**

**Since, you've redeemed us from despair, You've freed us so that we can share;
Our neighbour's problems now we'll bear; Because you love, we love and care**

Phyllis Kersten

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**

Here I am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for the example of Jesus and his disciples, who taught us to rely on your provision and to serve with faith. As we bring our offerings today, we give thanks for your abundant blessings and the opportunity to participate in your mission. Use these gifts to further your kingdom work in our church and community.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God speaks to us through his word, through which the Holy Spirit reaches into people's lives and changes them. Let us pray to our loving heavenly Father, who cares about each one of us and does not abandon us.

Heavenly Father: thank you for Jesus' ministry by which he casts out sin and brings healing and wholeness. Strengthen our faith so that we may not reject him, especially when we are made aware of our own sin.

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

Thank you for the Christian companions you provide for our journey, their counsel and support. Help us to be helpful companions to others, loving and true. Build up the fellowship in this congregation so we may be well equipped for service and mission in the world.

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

Gracious Father, protect those who are rejected because of their faith. Provide Christian companions for those who journey alone.

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

Help us and the whole church understand the sins of our age, to speak when it is necessary, to comfort where terror threatens, and to support where courage falters, always guided by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

We pray for our nation's leaders - the King and his representatives, the parliaments, the prime minister and cabinet, departments, the opposition and every tier of government. Help them understand the complexities of life and bring them to govern in a way which honours you, promotes the well-being of all, and safeguards the passage of the gospel.

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

We pray for each person in need today, and especially the poor and the sick, that those who have grown weak and weary may find power and strength in Christ our Lord. Take care of those we know personally to be in need, whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

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

Merciful God, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to walk among us. He heard the cries of the people and shared with them the good news of the kingdom. Hear our prayers this day and answer them so that your greatness may be known by all. We offer these prayers in the precious name of 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 the Lord Jesus bless you with his authority and power,

May the Lord Jesus bless you with his authority and power,

May the Lord Jesus fill you with his Spirit and guide your steps.

May the Lord Jesus fill you with his Spirit and guide your steps.

May you trust in God's provision and live with boldness and faith, now and always.

May you trust in God's provision and live with boldness and faith, now and always.

Amen.

SEND YOUR SERVANT

**Send your servant down the road, with your message for his load,
for I have seen where freedom leads, it's the coming of the Lord,
it's the light that fills the world, it's all his people ever need.**

**So I'll give him glory to the end, to the end,
I'll give him glory to the end.**

**Shouts of glory to the Father, shouts of glory to the Son,
and glory to the Holy Ghost; that's the way the world began,
when creation rose and sang. Give glory to the God we boast.**

**So I'll give him glory to the end, to the end,
I'll give him glory to the end.**

**Thank the Lord for he is real, thank him for this precious meal,
and pray for nerve to carry on; give us faith to turn the wheel,
for no matter how we feel, the love we share comes through his son.**

**And we'll give him glory to the end, to the end,
We'll give him glory to the end.**

**Now the Lord will bless us all, he will lift us when we fall,
and speed us on our way this year; he will flood us with his grace,
when he lifts his shining face, to help us shatter every fear.**

**And he'll give us peace where'er we're bound, e'er we're bound,
he'll give us peace where'er we're bound.
And we'll cry AMEN where'er we're bound, e'er we're bound,
we'll cry AMEN where'er we're bound.**

Norman Habel, Tom Paxton

HYMNS AND SONGS

LHS

- 234 Facing a task unfinished G4
334 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee* G3
373 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak* G5
822 God has spoken by his prophets G6

AT

- 296 I the Lord of sea and sky

TIS

- 158 God has spoken by his prophets
658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

LHS

- 158 Jesus, lover of my soul G4
341 Jesus, lead Thou on* G3
379 Lord of creation, to Thee be all praise G6
392 How firm a foundation G6
407 If thou but suffer God to guide thee* G6
414 God moves in a mysterious way G7
416 Thy way, not mine, O Lord*
417 Submissive to Thy will* G6
579 Where'er I go, whate'er my task* G6
860 When this earth was created GS

AT

- 29 Wait on me
99 Pentecost Prayer
215 Even tho' it's often hard to cope
384 If we will trust in God to guide us

TIS

- 126 God moves in a mysterious way
198 I greet you my Redeemer sure
211 Jesus, lover of my soul
553 In all my ways, in every task
554 If we will trust in God to guide us
575 O Jesus, Saviour, grow in me
578 How firm a foundation, you people of God
626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise
754 You are my hiding place

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

LHS

223 Look from Thy sphere of endless day G6

233 Lord of the harvest, hear (*alt tune* 127, G4)

247 Thou who the night in prayer didst spend*

AT

103 Send your servant

305 Thuma mina (Send me, Lord)

TIS

749 Thuma mina