



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 29 September 2024
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord,
without you we are not able to please you.
Direct our hearts by the working of your mercy.
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

Are any among you suffering?
They should pray.
Are any cheerful?
They should sing songs of praise.
(Jas 5:13 NRSV)

INVOCATION

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

**In Christ alone my heart is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought & storm.**

**What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.**

**'Til on that Cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave he rose again!**

**And as he stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, No fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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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 – Praise to the Lord

**Praise to the LORD, the almighty, the king of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation:
Come all who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the LORD, who in all things is wondrously reigning
and as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
Have you not seen? All that is needed has been
sent by His gracious ordaining.**

**Praise to the LORD, who has fearfully, wondrously made us,
health has sustained, and when heedlessly falling has stayed us:
what need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade us.**

**Praise to the LORD, O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
gladly for ever adore Him.**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray or a strong and sincere faith
[silence]

Holy God,
take away any obstacles
that cause us to stumble or fall in our faith,
and keep us from causing others to stumble.
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.

PSALM 19:7-14*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

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: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 Moses chooses 70 leaders

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!' Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the Lord, 'Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, "Give us meat to eat!" I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me right now – if I have found favour in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruin.' The Lord said to Moses: 'Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied – but did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since youth, spoke up and said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them!' But Moses replied, 'Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!'

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

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20 Prayer offered in faith

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50 Acting in Jesus' name; temptations to sin

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

‘Teacher,’ said John, ‘we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.’ ‘Do not stop him,’ Jesus said. ‘For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. ‘If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire

is not quenched.” Everyone will be salted with fire. ‘Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.’

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

ROCK OF AGES

**Rock of ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure: save from wrath and make me pure.**

**Not the labours of my hands can fulfil Thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone: Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids shall in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy throne:
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

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MESSAGE

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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**

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS

**You were the Word at the beginning one with God the Lord Most High,
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is;
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is,
nothing compares to this; what a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is;
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is,
nothing compares to this; what a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory,
for You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal, now and forever, God You reign.
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.**

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is,
nothing can stand against; what a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, loving God,
for uniting us with Christ
and with one another.

Lead us to help and pray for each other,
and to live our lives in praise to you
and in service to all in need.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Lord says through James, 'Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.' So let us pray for the church, the world, and those in need, knowing that God will answer our prayers according to his love and promise in Christ.

Heavenly Father: thank you for including us in the body of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us for causing others to stumble in the faith, turn us around to pray for one another instead, and to build each other up with songs of praise to you.

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

Watch over our children, dear Father, and over all who are young in the faith. Protect them from being misled by others, and provide them with parents and mentors to build them up in true faith and godly living.

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

Thank you for using churches throughout the world to build your kingdom of forgiving grace in Christ. Bless our brothers and sisters in other churches with the pure word of your law and gospel, and with the sacraments properly taught and administered.

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

Have mercy on the people of every land - on those with inadequate water and food, clothing and shelter, income and security. Have mercy too on those who are impoverished socially, and those who suffer from the sins of others. Supply their needs and give them peace.

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

Merciful Father, give courage to those who suffer long term illness or discomfort. Release those caught up in habitual sin, and comfort those who are lonely, distressed or broken hearted.

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

Bless each person in this congregation, dear Father - our brothers and sisters here at home. Turn us to each other with warm love and generous support, ready to give the simplicity of a cup of water where it is needed. And supply the needs of all we know personally to be in want and whom we name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)

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

Merciful God, you are the great healer and you provide all that we need for healing, and have given your own Son. Hear our prayer, and help all Christians to work together in your name to bring healing to their neighbours. We ask this 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

Let you bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favour, and give you peace.

BLESS THE LORD

(10,000 Reasons)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing, 10,000 reasons for my heart to find:

(To) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.

**And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending, 10,000 years and then forever more.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.

I worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul: I worship Your holy name.

I worship Your holy name. I worship Your holy name.

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (b): Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

LHS

134 Come, O come, Thou quickening Spirit

227 O Spirit of the living God

AT

218 Spirit, spirit of gentleness

249 As a dream receive your history

TIS

402 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove

405 O Spirit of the living God

244 Lord, pour your Spirit from on high

245 Lord of the Church, we humbly pray

251 God sends us his Spirit

451 Pour out your Spirit from on high

574 Captain of Israel's host, and guide

Second reading: James 5:13-20

LHS

237 Almighty God, whose only Son

422 Great Shepherd of Thy people, hear

439 I will sing my Maker's praises

506 Jesus, where'er Thy people meet

AT

235 In your hand, my Saviour

272 Help, O Lord, the thrown away

278 Lord, hear our prayer

TIS

240 All go to God when they are sorely placed

444 Dear Shepherd of your people, hear

445 Jesus, where'er your people meet

780 We go to God when we are sorely placed

815 O Christ the healer, we have come

385 If there ever was a time

418 We come by ones

472 Father of mercy, God of consolation

638 O Christ the healer, we have come

737 Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

LHS

356 Lord of glory, who hast bought us

803 Peace with the Father

AT

292 Because we bear your name

TIS

466 Peace with the Father

608 Where cross the crowded ways of life

821 Where cross the crowded ways of life

686 Lord Jesus, we belong to you