



## **CHURCH@HOME SERVICE ORDER**

**Sunday, 8 September 2024  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Lord, in your constant mercy  
cleanse and defend your church.  
Guide it forever by your goodness  
because it cannot remain safe without you.  
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**

*Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come and save you.*  
(Isa 35:4 NRSV)

### **INVOCATION**

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

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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 - WT

Praise to God who reigns on high;  
peace on earth to those He loves.  
We praise and thank and worship You,  
Lord our God, our heavenly king,  
God the Father, mighty one.

Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,  
You take away our sin and guilt;  
You that sit at God's right hand,  
hear us and have mercy, Lord.

You alone are holy, Christ,  
only You are Lord of all;  
for, with the Spirit, You alone  
share the Father's glory, Christ.  
Praise the Lord most high! Amen.

*The Lord be with you.*  
And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray for persistence in prayer.*  
[silence]

Generous God, like a loving parent  
you always welcome us when we come to you.  
Encourage us to keep on approaching you  
for whatever we need,  
knowing that you supply what is best for us.  
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 146**

*Praise the Lord.*

**Praise the Lord, my soul.**

*I will praise the Lord all my life;*

**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

*Do not put your trust in princes,*

**in human beings, who cannot save.**

*When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;*

**on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

*Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,*

**whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

*He is the Maker of heaven and earth,*

**the sea, and everything in them –**

**he remains faithful for ever.**

*He upholds the cause of the oppressed*

**and gives food to the hungry.**

*The Lord sets prisoners free,*

**the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

*the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,*

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

*The Lord watches over the foreigner*

**and sustains the fatherless and the widow,**

**but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

*The Lord reigns for ever,*

**your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**Praise the Lord.**

**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: Isaiah 35:4-7a** God will come to save

say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.' Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a

deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 Faith shown in love**

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a law-breaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Name chapter: Mark 7:24-37** A woman's faith; Jesus heals a deaf mute

*Before the reading*

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

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.' She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD - WITH HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;**

**let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.**

**He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,**

**and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.**

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!**

**And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;**

**Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.**

**The God-head, Three-in-One, Father, Spirit, Son,**

**the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

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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**

## **JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

**Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
and that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms. Praise God, just as I am.**

**Just as I am, I would be lost  
but mercy and grace my freedom bought,  
and now to glory in Your cross, O Lamb of God I come, I come.**

**I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms. Praise God, just as I am.**

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I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms. Praise God, just as I am.  
Praise God, just as I am, just as I am.**

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Loving and merciful God,  
thank you for your compassion on us  
and on all people.  
Lead us to show the same compassion to others,  
whatever their background.  
Use us and our gifts for your service. Amen.**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The Lord knows how we should live. So let's pray to God, knowing that in and through Jesus Christ we can take all that's on our hearts to God our Father and he will hear us.*

*Isaiah said to the Israelites, 'Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you".' Let us pray to our Saviour God for the church, the world, and those in need.*

Tender loving Father: thank you for making us your dearly loved children through holy baptism. Remember all your sons and daughters throughout the world. Stir up in us a hunger for your word that we may rejoice in both your law and your gospel, use them properly, and bring them to a confused and condemned world. Then open ears that are deaf to the gospel, and bring joyful thanks and praise to lips that are mute to your name.  
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Powerful and transforming Father, remember us in this congregation. Let your word work powerfully among us. Bind us together in genuine Christian love. Grant us grace to put to death all resentment, jealousy, and pride, and raise us to the joy of serving one another in gentle humility, free from partiality, so that our faith may be proved true by works of love.

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

Just and righteous Father, remember the leaders of our nation. Give them wisdom and courage for their duty and bring our people to honour and respect them. Keep our society free from improper discrimination. Protect the poor against unjust and expensive court action, and provide for those who are unable to earn sufficient income for themselves.

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

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are in need. Meet the needs of every hurting soul, including those we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)

*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 James A, Tabitha A, Owen B, Evie B, Alyssa B, Beaux B, Ethan B, Ava B, Freyja B, Piper C, Adam C, Piper C, Sam D and staff member Renee K. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Merciful God, you have called us to live together in harmony. Help us, O Lord, and hear our prayers according to your love and mercy. 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 TO SHARE

*May the Lord lift you up, watch over you, and uphold you now and always.*  
May the Lord lift you up, watch over you, and uphold you now and always.  
Amen

### ANCIENT OF DAYS

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
there is still one King reigning over all.  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
that my God is the Ancient of Days.  
  
None above Him, none before Him,  
all of time in His hands.  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.  
  
Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul;  
He is here with me, I am not alone.  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name;  
for my God is, the Ancient of Days.

**None above Him, none before Him,  
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.**

**Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,  
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.**

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## **HYMNS AND SONGS**

### **First reading (b): Isaiah 35:4-7a**

#### **LHS**

16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
159 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
222 Thou whose almighty word

223 Look from Thy sphere of endless  
day  
732 Comfort, comfort all my people  
739 When the King shall come again

#### **AT**

25 Comfort, comfort all my people  
205 What you hear in the dark  
263 Singing all praises

416 We will rise up  
454 Your God will come  
496 Don't be afraid

#### **TIS**

210 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
275 Hail to the Lord's anointed  
282 The voice of God goes out to all  
the world

447 Lord, your almighty word  
633 Lord, we are blind  
647 Comfort, comfort, all my people

**Second reading: James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17**

**LHS**

344 Our God is love, and all His saints  
372 We give Thee but Thine own  
381 O God our Father, throned on high  
732 Comfort, comfort all my people

**AT**

25 Comfort, comfort all my people  
292 Lord Jesus, we belong to you  
300 Everyone should be quick to listen

**TIS**

529 By your priestly power, O risen  
Lord  
608 Where cross the crowded ways of  
life  
630 The law of Christ alone can make  
us free

804 The Church of Christ, in every age  
821 Where cross the crowded ways of  
life

301 Prayer of peace  
446 Mercy  
503 Show me heaven

647 Comfort, comfort all my people  
648 Help us accept each other, Lord  
657 God of freedom, God of justice  
674 Inspired by love and anger  
686 Lord Jesus, we belong to you  
717 Give thanks with a grateful heart

**Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

**LHS**

161 How sweet the name of Jesus  
sounds  
217 O Christ, our true and only light  
242 Thou to whom the sick and dying  
335 Just as I am, without one plea

**AT**

263 Singing all praises

**TIS**

223 How sweet the name of Jesus  
sounds  
240 All go to God when they are sorely  
placed

780 We go to God when we are sorely  
placed  
796 When to our world the Saviour  
came  
818 O Son of God, in Galilee

441 Jesus was sent

254 O changeless Christ, forever new  
584 Just as I am, without one plea