



## **CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER**

**Sunday, 27 October 2024**

**23 October 2024**



### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Lord God, our refuge and strength,  
and the source of all true devotion,  
listen to the devout prayers of your church.  
Let us fully obtain what we pray for in faith.  
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**

**Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"  
Lord, we cry out to you — have mercy on us and hear our prayers.**

**Jesus stopped and called Bartimaeus to him.**

**Lord, call us to yourself, for we long to be near you.**

**Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?"**

**Lord, we want your healing and guidance in our lives.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

### **FATHER WELCOMES ALL HIS CHILDREN**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,  
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me for My kingdom is of these,  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin:**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,  
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptised and believe shall be born again:**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,  
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

**Let us daily die to sin Let us daily rise with Him  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord Live in the peace of God**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,  
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

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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.**

*Let us pray.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Lord Jesus,  
Give us faith like that of Bartimaeus to call out to you in our need,  
trusting in your power to restore and renew,  
and the courage to follow Jesus on the path of true life.  
May our hearts be filled with gratitude,  
and our lives bear witness to your saving grace. Amen.

## PSALM 126

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*  
**we were like those who dreamed.**  
*Our mouths were filled with laughter,*  
**our tongues with songs of joy.**  
*Then it was said among the nations,*  
**'The Lord has done great things for them.'**  
*The Lord has done great things for us,*  
**and we are filled with joy.**  
*Restore our fortunes, Lord,*  
**like streams in the Negev.**  
*Those who sow with tears*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**  
*Those who go out weeping,*  
**carrying seed to sow,**  
*will return with songs of joy,*  
**carrying sheaves with them.**

**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 Jeremiah 31:7-9** The Lord will save a remnant of Israel

This is what the Lord says: 'Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, "Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the

ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labour; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

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

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28** Jesus is a priest forever

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect for ever.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52** Jesus heals a blind man

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.' 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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

### **THE BLIND MAN**

**The blind man sat by the road and he cried;  
The blind man sat by the road and he cried;  
The blind man sat by the road and he cried:**

**O, show me the way, show me the way,  
show me the way, the way to go home.**

**The crippled man sat by the road and he cried.  
The crippled man sat by the road and he cried.  
The crippled man sat by the road and he cried.**

**O, show me the way, show me the way,  
show me the way, the way to go home.**

**We all sat by the road and we cried  
We all sat by the road and we cried  
We all sat by the road and we cried**

**O, show me the way, show me the way,  
show me the way, the way to go home.**

**Jesus stood by the road and he cried;  
Jesus stood by the road and he cried;  
Jesus stood by the road and he cried;**

**O, I am the way, I am the truth,  
I am the life, the way to go home.**

**Jesus - (claps), Jesus - (claps), Jesus - (claps)**

**O, I am the way, I am the truth,  
I am the life, the way to go home.**

**Jesus.**

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## 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**

## AMAZING GRACE – MY CHAINS ARE GONE

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me. His Word, my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.**

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio  
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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Gracious God,**

**We come before you with gratitude for the healing and hope you have given us. In response to your mercy, may we be bold in our generosity, responding to all who call to us for help. Just as you restored Bartimaeus' sight, bless our offerings so that they bring hope and joy to our community. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The Lord said through Jeremiah that we are to proclaim, give praise and pray for the salvation of others. So let us lift our hearts to God and ask him to bless those in need.*

Gracious Father – praise be to your blessed name for your mercy and kindness to us. You have come to us, full of grace and truth. Before the foundation of the world you chose as your own, to be holy and blameless in your sight. You predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. This was your pleasure and will, and we in turn thank and praise you.

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

How wondrous is your holy church – composed of redeemed sinners like us. Bless your church, that she may shine with your Son's light in this world. Revive and refresh us by your Holy Spirit so that we can confess your name before others, pray fervently for our neighbour, and demonstrate your love through good works. Be with all pastors and church workers, so that they can speak your word in truth and power and care for the flock entrusted to them. Be with our Bishop *Paul Smith* and our District Bishop *Mark Vainikka*. Guide, protect them, and help them to work together in your name.

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

How blessed we are to enjoy the freedoms and prosperity of this country. Bless all the people of this land, and all who lead our nation's affairs, in particular our Prime Minister, our Premiers, our elected politicians, and our leaders in business and society. Give them a love of truth and justice. Help all citizens to serve their neighbour through their vocation. Help those who are unemployed or whose work is difficult or



dangerous or stressful. Strengthen all families and the bond of marriage. Give all children and young people a renewed respect for their parents, and guide all parents in raising their children.

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

How great is your power that you guide the nations of the world. Continue to curb evil and bring oppression to an end. Show mercy and give relief to those who have experienced natural disaster. Help them to rebuild in the wake of the destruction and comfort them with the consolation of your Word. We also pray for all caught in the Israel-Palestine conflict. You came to what was your own, but your own people did not receive you. Turn the hearts of the Jewish people to your Son, their Messiah, and help all Gentiles to bear witness to you in love.

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

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Charlie C, Harper C, Jasmine D, Matilda J, Hugo L, Joseph L, Harrison L, Beau L, Indiana K, Jack K, Tyler M, Louis M, Harriet M, Milla N and staff member Cassie T. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, when blind Bartimaeus cried out to your Son his prayer was answered and he was healed. Hear our prayer this day and bless all those we have prayed for, 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 our God of mercy open your eyes to the truth of Christ's love.*

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*May our God of healing hear your cries for help and answer with grace.*

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*May our God of peace make you whole, now and always.*

**May our God of peace make you whole, now and always. Amen.**

## **GRACE**

**Your grace that leads this sinner home from death to life forever,  
and sings the song of righteousness by blood and not by merit.**

**Your grace that reaches far and wide to every tribe and nation,  
has called my heart to enter in the joy of Your salvation.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.**

**And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Your grace that I cannot explain not by my earthly wisdom:**

**The Prince of Life, without a stain was traded for this sinner.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.**

**And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Let praise rise up and overflow, my song resound forever.**

**For grace will see me welcomed home to walk beside my Saviour.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.**

**And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored.**

**And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson  
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## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading (b): Jeremiah 31:7-9**

#### **LHS**

- 15 Jesus came - the heavens rejoicing\* G6
- 391 The King of love my shepherd is\*
- 435 Christians, now praise ye G6
- 732 Comfort, comfort all my people GS
- 739 When the King shall come again G4

#### **AT**

- 25 Comfort, comfort
- 253 He turned my mourning into dancing

#### **TIS**

- 145 The King of love my shepherd is
- 647 Comfort, comfort all my people

### **Second reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

#### **LHS**

- 111 Hail the day that sees Him rise
- 112 Hail, our once despised Jesus G3
- 141 Father of heaven, whose love profound G5
- 173 Before the throne of God above G5
- 237 Almighty God, whose only Son G5
- 771 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus GS
- 847 The Lamb's high banquet called to share G5

#### **AT**

- 252 He is exalted

#### **TIS**

- 131 Father of heaven, whose love profound
- 205 Join all the glorious names (vv 1,7,8,9)
- 354 O Jesus crucified
- 369 Hail the day that sees him rise
- 373 Hail, our once despised Jesus
- 374 Entered the holy place above
- 517 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus
- 519 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
- 520 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

**LHS**

- 222 Thou whose almighty word G6
- 335 Just as I am
- 818 O Son of God in Galilee (*alt tune* 845, G5)
- 850 O Father, my Father GS
- 851 Amazing grace GS

**AT**

- 6 O Father, my Father
- 131 Amazing grace
- 263 Singing all praises

**TIS**

- 129 Amazing grace
- 447 Lord, your almighty word
- 584 Just as I am
- 633 Lord, we are blind
- 729 Jesus Christ, Son of God
- 748 There once was a man