

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 6 October 2024
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God,
in your goodness defend us
from everything that might hurt us,
so that we may be ready in body and soul
to do cheerfully what is according to your will.
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 with hearts open to the Lord,
for in every circumstance, we can turn to God.*

Are you suffering?

Then bring your pain to the One who heals.

Are you joyful?

Then lift up your voice in praise and thanksgiving.

*Together, let us draw near to God,
who listens, forgives, and lifts us up.*

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

LET'S PRAISE THE LORD!

**Let's praise the Lord! Worship and bow down.
Shout his name from mountains high,
the king of all creation, the King who reigns on high.**

**Let's praise the Lord! Kneel before his throne,
Lift our voice with songs of praise,
The Lord of our salvation, the Lord of all our Days,
Let's praise the Lord! Let's praise the Lord.**

**I will be your true and faithful, I will show you constant love.
I will make you mine forever, I will always love the unloved.**

**I will make the raindrops tumble, I will make the sun shine through.
I will answer you my people, I will keep my promise.
Let's praise the Lord!**

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**I will be your loving shepherd, I will give you all you need.
I will lead you by still waters, I will keep you safe from all danger.**

**I will hold you, comfort, love you, I will bless you all your days.
I will be with you for ever, I will keep my promise.
Let's praise the Lord!**

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Shout his name from mountains high, the king of all creation,
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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.

SONG OF ADORATION - TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in!**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

**Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Loving and gracious God, you invite us to come before you in all circumstances, whether in joy or in suffering. Help us to lift up our voices in prayer when we are troubled, to sing praises when we are filled with joy, and to seek healing when we are in need. Strengthen us with the power of prayer, that we may bring comfort to others and be channels of your healing and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PSALM 8

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants
**you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**
When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honour.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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: Genesis 2:18-24 The creation of woman

The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.' That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

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 10:2-16 Jesus teaches about divorce, and blesses children

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' 'What did Moses command you?' he replied. They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.' 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female". "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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

IN YOUR HAND, MY SAVIOUR

**In your hand, my Saviour there's a home for me.
It's the safest place on earth to be.
There you make me welcome, give me a new start,
for your peace has healed my wounded heart**

**When I'm near my Saviour, he gives joy to me.
God alone, he is my sword and shield
When I'm near my Saviour, he gives peace to me.
God shines on each flower in his field.**

**In your hand, my Saviour, joyful I can be,
for you offer precious gifts to me:
mercy and forgiveness, even though I stray,
Life is now worth living, come what may.**

**In your hand, my Saviour I can freely cry,
speak my fears, and ask my questions why.
Viciousness and evil, nailed me to a tree.
'Pardon' cries your cross, and sets me free.**

**In your hand, my Saviour, finally I rest,
where my life has been so richly blessed.
By your hand you bring me,
to a future bright, filled with endless peace and joy and light.**

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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**

LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY ARIGHT

**Lord, teach us how to pray aright
with rev'rence and with fear.
Tho' dust and ashes in Your sight,
we may, we must draw near.**

**We perish if we cease from prayer;
O, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet You we prepare,
Lord, meet us on our way.**

**Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desire with confidence,
to hear Your voice and live;**

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, we come to you with hearts full of gratitude, thankful for your
constant presence in every season of our lives. Bless the offerings we make today,
so that they may bring healing, hope, and encouragement to those in need. Guide us
to be faithful stewards of all You have entrusted to us. In Jesus' name we pray,
amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.' Therefore let us, God's children because of Jesus, come to him in prayer, knowing that he will hear us.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for joining us together through the gift of families. Please bless each family in your church, as they support each other and look to you with childlike faith for all they need. Bring all people back to your family through your Son, so that we may live together in love and unity, both now and in eternity.

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

We pray for those who are married, that you will build their commitment and loyalty to each other, and by the power of Christ bring mutual forgiveness and renewal where there is sin. Strengthen all married people to resist temptations to be unfaithful, heal and renew marriages which are struggling, and prevent anyone from willfully separating what God has joined together.

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

We pray for those who are divorced and those who have remarried, that they may know your mercy and forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Give them wisdom and grace in relationships with their former spouse, and help them bring up their children well. And dear Lord, protect all who are abused in marriage and bring the abuse to an end.

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

We pray Lord too for those who wish to marry but who have not yet been able to do so. Give them firm faith in your constant presence and care, and give them the companionship they need. Watch over all widows and widowers, and take care of all orphans.

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

Thank you for the rain and sunshine we have enjoyed in good measure, and for the many blessings in this peaceful land. Please bring peace where there is war and unrest, and heal the conflict in the Middle East.

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

Heal all who are sick among us according to your good and gracious will. Comfort those who mourn and let your holy angels uphold and guide them.

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 William in PS, Nawabdeep in PW, Chloe in 1B, Remi in 1O, Charlie in 2 M, Henry, Ishveer & Joshua in 3A, Jack in 4C, Isabel in 5L, Keira & Ryan in 6J and staff members Karen R, Deb L, Symone H. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Loving heavenly Father, you sent your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who being very God is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters. In him we are able to come before you as your children, your family. Hear our prayer, glorious Lord, that all may know your greatness. Through your Son we pray, 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 God the Father hear your prayers and heal your heart.

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May the Holy Spirit guide you to reconcile and to forgive.

May the Holy Spirit guide you to reconcile and to forgive.

May Jesus the Son walk with you in every season of joy and trial.

May Jesus the Son walk with you in every season of joy and trial. Amen.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee Thou wilt find a solace there

Blessed Savior Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever Lord be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer
Soon in glory bright unclouded There will be no need for prayer
Rapture praise and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (b): Genesis 2:18-24

LHS

587 O happy home, where Thou art
loved the dearest

588 O blest the house, whate'er befall

589 O blessed home where man and
wife

AT

71 Face to face

172 May we be one

TIS

581 Happy the home that welcomes
you, Lord Jesus

645 As man and woman we were made

654 When love is found and hope
comes home

800 May we be one

846 The candles are lit

892 Hear us now, our God and Father

174 Bind us together

664 Your love, O God, has called us
here

678 God beyond glory, gracious and
holy

698 When the light of first creation

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

LHS

276 Dearest Jesus, we are here

280 Jesus took the lambs and blessed
them

600 Gentle Jesus, meek and mild

609 Jesus loves me! This I know

AT

4 Father welcomes all his children

30 There's a friend for little children

TIS

229 Jesus loves me, this I know

236 Jesus' hands were kind hands

480 Dearest Jesus, we are here

618 Jesus, friend of little children

825 Cradling children in his arm

826 Father welcomes all his children

832 The gentle Shepherd calls

386 Jesus and me

491 Father welcomes all his children

493 Wash, O God, our sons and
daughters