



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 24 November 2024
Last Sunday of the Church Year



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, heavenly Father,
let your dear Son, Jesus Christ, come quickly
and take to himself his bride, the church.
Bring us, together with all the redeemed, into your glory.
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 to worship in faith, people of God, amid all the world's troubles and fears.
Though stones may tumble and nations may tremble, let us set our hearts on Christ.
Come, trusting in God's promises.
Though the world may waver, God's Word stands firm.
Jesus said, "Do not be alarmed."
In Jesus, we find peace in the storm, hope amid uncertainties, and strength to go on.

INVOCATION

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

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION v 1, 3-5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

**Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly, in heaven to seek your face.**

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)
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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

Father we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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Donna Adkins

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, thank you for the assurance of your caring presence amidst the chaos of our world. Grant us the courage to face trials with unwavering faith, remembering the hope revealed in your Word. Help us to hold fast to the truth that in Christ we are given life everlasting, and strengthen us to shine as lights in the darkness, sharing your love and grace with those around us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour, amen.

PSALM 16

*Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.*

*I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.'*

*I say of the holy people who are in the land,
'They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.'
Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.*

**I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.**

*Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.*

*The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.*

*I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.*

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

*Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.*

*You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

**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 Daniel 12:1-3 The time of the end

‘At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Let us confidently draw near to God

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ‘This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’ Then he adds: ‘Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.’ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary. Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8 Signs of the end of the age

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.' As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?' Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

I WILL RUN TO YOU

**Your eye is on the sparrow And Your hand, it comforts me
From the ends of the earth to the depth of my heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen**

**You call me to Your purpose As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw all men
As Your love and grace demands**

**And I will run to You To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power But by the Spirit of God**

**Yes, I will run the race 'Til I see Your face
Oh, let me live in the glory of Your grace**

**You call me to Your purpose As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw all men
As Your love and grace demands**

**And I will run to You To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power But by the Spirit of God**

**Yes, I will run the race 'Til I see Your face
Oh, let me live in the glory Oh, let me live in the glory
Oh, let me live in the glory of Your grace**

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MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))
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WE BELIEVE

**In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation We believe we believe
In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe we believe**

**We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again
(We believe)**

**So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe**

**We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again
(We believe)**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail We believe we believe**

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(We believe)**

**He's coming back again He's coming back again
We believe we believe**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, in times of uncertainty, we thank you for the hope and salvation found in Christ. Help us to hold fast to him, our refuge and strength. Bless the offerings we present today so that they support your work in the world, bringing light and hope to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Lord says, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty'. So let us lift our prayers to him, that he may bless the church, the world, and those in need.

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour and Judge eternal: thank you for including us in your new creation through baptism, and for crossing us from death to life by your own death and resurrection. Build up our confidence in you so that we have no fear of Judgment Day, but rather rejoice in the new and perfect life you have in store for us.

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

Build up your church so that it never ceases to preach the gospel in all its parts. Preserve us from modern skepticism and give us courage to witness to the truth of your coming judgment. Build up and preserve our Bishop *Paul Smith* and District Bishop *Mark Vainnika*, and all the pastors and teachers of our church.

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

O Lord, who always has been and always will be, show this world that your judgment is real, and that it is matched by your forgiving grace through faith in you and your word. Open the eyes of those who use violence and sabotage as tools of change to the error of their ways. Have mercy on all who do wrong and turn them to you in repentance and faith.

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

Defend those who are suffering from the wrongdoing of others, dear Lord, and restore their losses. Build up the courts of our land so that judgements are true and fair. Remind our judiciary and police force that they serve you, as eternal judge of all. And turn all people to gladly obey the laws of the land in obedience to you.

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

Have mercy Lord on the sick and suffering. Give healing and relief so that you may be praised. And provide for 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 our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Scarlett in PS, Leo in PT, Rome in PW, Topaz in 1B, Holly in 1O, Charlie in 1T, Nerissa in 2C, Hiram in 2R, Grace in 3A, Ewan in 3N, Olivia in 4A, Seanna in 4R, Meredith in 5B, Caleb in 5R, Christiana in 6B, Hudson in 6J and staff member Sue J. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Thank you for all who rejoiced in the hope of eternal life through your blood and who are now with you in glory. Build us up when danger and death approach and let our lives here on earth end in peace and quietness as we leave to see you face to face. All this, and for whatever else we should ask, we pray in your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the 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 hope fill you with peace as you face the challenges of life.
May our God of hope fill you with peace as you face the challenges of life.
May you stand firm, trusting in God's eternal promises.
May you stand firm, trusting in God's eternal promises.
May you be God's light to others, reflecting love to those around you.
May you be God's light to others, reflecting love to those around you. Amen.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

**When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast**

**He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast**

**Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast**

**He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast**

**For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last**

**He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (b): Daniel 12:1-3

LHS

- 144 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise
- 145 They come, God's messengers of love
- 214 Hark, the sound of holy voices G5
- 485 The day is surely drawing near* (vv 1,2,4,5,6) G5
- 494 Jerusalem the golden G6
- 606 Around the throne of God a band

TIS

- 315 Mine eyes have seen the coming of the glory of the Lord
- 642 This day God gives me

Second reading: Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18)19-25

LHS

- 67 And can it be, that I should gain
- 81 O perfect life of love* G5
- 115 Rejoice, the Lord is King
- 160 Arise, my soul, arise
- 173 Before the throne of God above G5
- 282 Draw nigh, and take the body of the Lord*
- 325 Approach, my soul, the mercy seat G5
- 331 My hope is built on nothing less* G5
- 504 To Thy temple I repair G5

AT

- 153 The steadfast love of the Lord
- 217 Shine, Jesus, shine
- 324 Saints of all time
- 325 Sing to God
- 345 Nothing but the blood
- 373 Bound by love

TIS

- 92 Sing to God with joy and gladness
- 154 Great is your faithfulness
- 209 And can it be, that I should gain
- 216 Rejoice, the Lord is King
- 220 This, this is the God we adore
- 259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
- 498 Draw near and take the body of our Lord
- 520 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (vv 1,2,4,5)
- 529 By your priestly power, O risen Lord
- 533 I come with joy to meet my Lord
- 619 Have faith in God, my heart