



## CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 2 February 2025  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty God,  
you know that we are placed  
in the midst of such great dangers  
that we cannot stand upright  
because of our human frailty.  
Make us whole in mind and body.  
Support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations.  
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 worship the God of love, who calls us to walk in the way of Christ.*  
**If we speak with the tongues of angels but do not have love,  
we are only a resounding gong.**  
*Love is patient, love is kind; it does not envy or boast, it is not proud.*  
**If we have faith that can move mountains but do not have love, we are nothing.**  
*Let us rejoice in the love of Christ, who calls us to embody his mission.*  
**Let us worship the God of perfect love and faithful promise!**

### INVOCATION

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

## COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

**Come down, O Love divine, Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness became mine inner clothing:  
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, Till he became the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

**Bartholomäus Ringwaldt (1552-1600)  
Revised form of German hymn, c.1565 based on 'Dies irae, dies illa',  
asc. to Thomas of Celano (c.1190-after 1255)  
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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.**

## **KING OF KINGS**

**In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt**

**Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory  
Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings**

**To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died**

**Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory  
Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings**

**And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored**

**Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory  
Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings**

**And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me**

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Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory  
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*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Loving God, you call us to live by faith, hope, and love, with love as the greatest of all. Teach us to love as Christ loves and to boldly share your truth, even when it challenges us. By your Spirit, transform our hearts to embody your grace in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,**

### **PSALM 71:1-6**

*In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;*

**let me never be put to shame.**

*In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;*

**turn your ear to me and save me.**

*Be my rock of refuge,*

**to which I can always go;**

*give the command to save me,*

**for you are my rock and my fortress.**

*Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,*

**from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.**

*For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,  
my confidence since my youth.  
From my birth I have relied on you;  
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.  
I will ever praise you.*

**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 1:4-10** God appoints Jeremiah as a prophet to the nations

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13** The way of love

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For

we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30** Jesus is rejected by his hometown

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

He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked. Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."' 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy[a] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.' All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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

### **THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE**

**Lord I come to You Let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace That I've found in You  
Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away By the power of Your love**

**Hold me close Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love**

**Lord unveil my eyes Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day By the power of Your love**

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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**

## SEND YOUR SERVANT

**Send your servant down the road, with your message for his load,  
for I have seen where freedom leads, it's the coming of the Lord,  
it's the light that fills the world, it's all his people ever need.**

**So I'll give him glory to the end, to the end,  
I'll give him glory to the end.**

**Shouts of glory to the Father, shouts of glory to the Son,  
and glory to the Holy Ghost; that's the way the world began,  
when creation rose and sang. Give glory to the God we boast.**

**So I'll give him glory to the end, to the end,  
I'll give him glory to the end.**

**Thank the Lord for he is real, thank him for this precious meal,  
and pray for nerve to carry on; give us faith to turn the wheel,  
for no matter how we feel, the love we share comes through his son.**

**And we'll give him glory to the end, to the end,  
We'll give him glory to the end.**

**Now the Lord will bless us all, he will lift us when we fall,  
and speed us on our way this year; he will flood us with his grace,  
when he lifts his shining face, to help us shatter every fear.**



**And he'll give us peace where'er we're bound, e'er we're bound,  
he'll give us peace where'er we're bound.  
And we'll cry AMEN where'er we're bound, e'er we're bound,  
we'll cry AMEN where'er we're bound.**

Norman Habel, Tom Paxton

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father, we offer these gifts in love and gratitude, for all we have comes from you. May they reflect the love you call us to — a love that is patient, kind, and selfless. Use our offerings to bring hope, healing, and restoration, as Jesus proclaimed. Bless what we give and bless us to be vessels of your love in the world.**

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*In faith, hope and love, let us come before God our Father, and present our needs to him in prayer*

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we give you thanks with all our heart for your holy gospel which you have given us, and through which we have come to know your Fatherly heart. For the sake of your boundless mercy, graciously preserve the blessed light of your word for us. Lead and guide our hearts that we never depart from your word, but always walk in its light and so finally be saved.

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

Remember, O Lord, your church. Deliver her from all evil and perfect her in your love. Strengthen and protect her by your Word and sacraments. Grow your church, so that your gospel may be preached to all nations, and gather the faithful from throughout the world into the kingdom which you have prepared.

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

Almighty God, you blessed the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. We pray that you would graciously provide us with favourable weather in the year ahead, so that we may gather in the fruits of the earth and proclaim your goodness with thanksgiving.

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

Lord, eternal ruler of all, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Help us provide trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare of our people, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honour of your holy name.

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

Almighty God, as you brought the Apostle Peter out of prison, have mercy on all who are unjustly imprisoned, and set them free from their bonds, so that they may rejoice in your deliverance. Grant to all prisoners a fair and honest trial, and grant that the prison system of our land works for restoration and rehabilitation.

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

Merciful God, since you minister to all who are afflicted, look with compassion on those who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy, remove the fears that attack them, strengthen them in the recovery of their self-possession and health, and give skill, patience, and understanding love to those who provide care for 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 New Staff Members Lucy B, Hayley T, Brooke M, Natasha W, Stephen P, Connor W, Stephanie M & Jane R. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Lord, you formed us in the womb, and before we were born you predestined us to be your own. Keep us in your love, and strengthen our faith and our hope. 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 love of Christ guide you to love with patience, kindness, and selflessness.*  
**May the love of Christ guide you to love with patience, kindness, and selflessness.**  
*May the Spirit empower you to bring hope, healing, and freedom to others.*  
**May the Spirit empower you to bring hope, healing, and freedom to others.**  
*May you be full of peace, knowing that God's love never fails.*  
**May you be full of peace, knowing that God's love never fails. Amen.**

## O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heavenly peace,  
for I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
a light to lead the gentiles unto Your holy hill,  
the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

Then grant that I may follow Your gleam, O glorious Light,  
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight.  
till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore,  
where Christ, the blessed day-star, shall light them evermore.

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## HYMNS AND SONGS

**First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**LHS**

227 O Spirit of the living God  
269 Speak forth Thy word, O Father

373 Lord, speak to me, that I may  
speak

**AT**

103 Send your servant down the road  
 296 I, the Lord of sea and sky

**TIS**

405 O Spirit of the living God  
 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

305 Thuma mina

749 Thuma mina

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13****LHS**

118 O Holy Ghost, to Thee we all pray  
 119 Come down, O Love divine  
 151 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me  
 295 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee,  
 and adore Thee  
 344 Our God is love, and all His saints  
 354 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

**AT**

62 One family  
 80 Love is patient and kind  
 172 May we be one  
 181 Faith, hope and love  
 (Prewer/Simpson)

**TIS**

251 Lord Christ, we praise your  
 sacrifice  
 305 Let earth and heaven combine  
 398 Come down, O Love divine  
 434 Where there is charity and love

356 Lord of glory, who hast bought us  
 385 With all my heart I love Thee, Lord  
 584 O perfect love, all human thought  
 transcending  
 800 May we be one  
 802 One family, we're together  
 900 O Lord, now let your servant

373 Bound by love  
 376 Faith, hope, and love (Watts)  
 491 You call me to love

500 Here we adore you, hidden  
 Saviour, Lord  
 603 O perfect love, all human thought  
 transcending  
 625 I need you, Lord, for I have seen  
 685 The power of your love

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30****LHS**

4 Once He came in blessing\* G4

**AT**

125 Man more than man

**TIS**

197 God's Son came to bless us

355 Man more than man