



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 9 March 2025
First Sunday in Lent



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord, in mercy listen to our prayers.
Stretch out your mighty hand
to defend us from all the evil we face.
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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where He faced temptation.

We come, trusting in God's strength to guide us through our own trials.

*The enemy sought to turn Jesus away from his mission,
but he stood firm on God's Word.*

We stand on the promises of God, knowing that God's truth sustains us.

*In every test, Jesus remained faithful, choosing obedience over ease,
and worship over compromise.*

We gather to worship the Lord our God and serve the Lord alone!

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

JESUS, LEAD THOU ON

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand to our fatherland.

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For though many a woe To our home we go..**

**When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
Heavenly leader, still directs us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

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Cento from Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinsendorf (1700-1760)
Tr. Jane Borthwick, 1846, alt.

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated -
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Michael Perry

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,

You led your Son into the wilderness to be tested, yet he stood firm in your Word and trusted in your faithful provision. Strengthen us in our times of trial, that we may resist the tempter's lies and cling to you. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in obedience each day and rely on your grace alone. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.'*
*If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,'
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honour him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.'*

**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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - Thank-offering for the mighty acts of God

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13 - The Christian confession: Jesus is Lord

But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13 - Jesus tempted

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone." The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

THY WORD

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

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and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me,
nothing will I fear as long as You are near,
please be near me to the end.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
I'll forever be wand'ring.
Jesus, be my guide, hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith
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MESSAGE

**At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))
For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))**

APOSTLES 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**

LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

**Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom**

**Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss**

**Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

**You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen**

**Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss**

**Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

**To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart**

Brooke Ligertwood

OFFERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

As Jesus trusted in you in the wilderness, refusing to seek earthly riches, we now offer our gifts in faith. We do not live by bread alone but by your Word. Use our offerings for the work of your kingdom, that others also may know your grace and love. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus was tempted by Satan for forty days. Let us pray for all who experience the trials and temptations of the world.

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, thank you for your selfless love expressed in creation, and thank you for your ongoing commitment to this sinful world. Help us use the freedom we have to serve you well, as stewards of your good world. Bring to an end all abuse of your world and of the people you have made.

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

Help us to care for the earth so that it will be a healthier place for our children and the generations to come. And give us the faith and wisdom to do our duty well, as we participate with you in creating the future. Preserve the earth from natural and man-made disaster, and bless it with good weather.

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

Be with all your people in times of trouble and temptation, and remind us that our real life is with Christ. Give courage and hope to those who want to give up on life or who are afraid of the future. And provide for those who are hungry or homeless.

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

Support all Christian scientists and academics, that they may meet the challenges of their profession and maintain their faith as they use the tools of science and philosophy. And defend Christian students against attacks on their faith. Expose all false belief and turn people to your revealed truth.

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

Watch over us in this Lenten season Lord, and draw us closer to our suffering Saviour. Strengthen those who are taking up special fasts or other spiritual disciplines at this time, and guide those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation.

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

Relieve all who are in distress, and suffering in mind, body and spirit. Give your peace and patience to those awaiting surgery or to hear the results of medical tests. Support all 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 Abigail J in PB, Harry F & Lily G in 1H, Bently P & Eleanor J, Maeve F

in 1R, Summer H in 2N, Rebecca J in 2O, Clarisse K in 3M, Grace G in 4W, Chiara K in 5N, Watson I in 6J Maddison H in 6R and staff members Sara B & Jillian S. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Father in heaven; receive the prayers of your sons and daughters who seek your favour. Free us from all evil, so that we may serve you in peace and joy; 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 Spirit lead you and strengthen you in every challenge.

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May God's Word be your guide and protect you from temptation.

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May the Father's love surround you, giving you strength to follow Christ.

May the Father's love surround you, giving you strength to follow Christ. Amen.

THE WAY IS LOW

**Low, the way is low With the man whom angels praise;
He who spoke the sky Was a baby dressed in hay.**

**We are companions of the One whose name is love,
We share His life as we grow. We carry Jesus' death
with each and ev'ry breath – Our hope is high the way is low.**

See the glory road – He was tempted by it too.

But He set his course With Jerusalem in view:

**We are companions of the One whose name is love,
We share His life as we grow. We carry Jesus' death
with each and ev'ry breath – Our hope is high the way is low.**

Robin Mann

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HYMNS & SONGS

First reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

LHS

- 362 What shall I give to God my Saviour
- 367 O bring to the Lord your tribute of praise
- 372 We give Thee but Thine own
- 811 Praise and thanksgiving
- 814 For the fruits of his creation

AT

- 265 Take us now, we are yours
- 358 Gift to the world
- 361 Here we are

TIS

- 83 Let us with a gladsome mind
- 159 God whose farm is all creation
- 168 For the fruits of his creation
- 627 Praise and thanksgiving

Second reading: Romans 10:8b-13

LHS

- 142 We all believe in one true God
- 281 Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour
- 386 In Thee is gladness
- 405 In God, my faithful God
- 411 If God be my defender
- 823 Your strong Word broke through the darkness

AT

26 He is Lord
129 Everyone, everyone
254 I give you my joys and my sorrows
364 In you is gladness
455 All this I believe

TIS

140 Firmly I believe and truly
200 In you is gladness
248 When Christ was lifted from the earth
435 We all believe in God who made

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**LHS**

47 Songs of thankfulness and praise
72 Saviour, when in dust to Thee
202 Help us to conquer, Thou Prince ever-living
269 Speak forth Thy word, O Father
341 Jesus, lead Thou on
756 O Lord, throughout these forty days
791 O love how deep, how broad, how high
857 Low, the way is low
873 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

AT

190 Low, the way is low
498 We will take what you offer

TIS

194 O love how deep, how broad, how high
252 When he was baptised in Jordan
591 Forty days and forty nights
644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God