

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 6 July
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts a love for your name.
Nourish in us what is good,
and preserve in us what you have nourished.
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, people of God, to remember the Lord's faithfulness
and share God's story with the next generation.*
We set our hope in the Lord and will not forget God's works.
*Let us love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength,
and live God's Word in our daily lives.*
We will teach our children and those to come,
so that all may know and trust in the Lord.
*Let us fan into flame the gift of faith within us –
the Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.*
May we live as the lights for Christ,
leaving a legacy of faith and love to God's glory.

INVOCATION

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

GOD FORGIVES

..... peace be with you.

Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LORD OF CREATION, TO YOU BE ALL PRAISE

**Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways;
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.**

**Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom: your service is song:
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.**

**Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.**

**Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart:
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
Your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, whatever betide.**

**Lord of all being, I give you my all:
if ever I leave you, I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your Word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way..**

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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

Gracious God,
you have spoken your truth across generations, calling us to remember your mighty works and to pass them on with faith and love. Kindle in us the gift of your Spirit, that we may live with courage, guard the good treasure entrusted to us, and teach others your ways. Let our lives shine with the light of Christ, so that others may see your goodness in us and give glory to you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PSALM 78:2-7

I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old –
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
so that the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

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 6:4-9 Passing faith to the next generation

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:3-7,13-14 The legacy of faith passed down through generations.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16 Letting our light shine for others.

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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

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**

PASS IT ON

**It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
And soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love:
Once you've experienced it,
You spread his love to everyone,
You want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love:
Once you've experienced it,
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top:
I want my world to know,
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

**I'll shout it from the mountain top:
I want my world to know,
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

Kurt Kaiser

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MESSAGE

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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.

AWAKE MY SOUL

Awake my soul come worship.

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Awake my soul come worship.

Come bring your worship, lift up your praise

Look to the Father, call on his name

Honour the Saviour, Jesus the King

Filled with the Spirit, stand and sing.

Every life laid bare, nothing hidden here,

Ev'ry heart's desire known.

Jesus purify, cleanse our hearts and minds,

Let Your Holy Spirit come.

Awake my soul come worship.

Awake my soul come worship.

Come bring your worship, come seek his face,

Trust in his mercy, rest in his grace.

Come to remember all he has done,

Gather in awe before his throne.

Every life laid bare, nothing hidden here,

Ev'ry heart's desire known.

Jesus purify, cleanse our hearts and minds,

Let Your Holy Spirit come.

With all our heart we worship,

With all our soul we worship,

With all our strength we worship,

With all our mind we worship.

Marcus Pagnam

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
you have given us a legacy of faith to share and pass on. As we offer these gifts, use them to teach the next generation, to shine your light, and to guard the treasure of the Gospel. May our lives and our giving reflect your love, so that others may know and follow Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus said that we should ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Let us obey his command and pray to God our Father, trusting that what we ask will be pleasing to him.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great love and tender care which gave Jesus to die for the sins of the world and which freely gives peace and salvation in his name. Send out workers into the harvest so that people everywhere will know this good news, repent of their sins, and turn to you in faith.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer.**

Equip all your people with the gospel of peace, and give us power to go where you send us, restoring our straying brothers and sisters in gentleness and love, and ourselves receiving the correction of others with repentance and grace. Bring to faith those we know who have yet to hear the gospel with an open heart, and restore the straying.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole church on earth, that it may labour in the harvest field of the world with truth and love. Bless Australian Lutheran College, its staff and students and bring forth suitable people to study for the public ministry.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who suffer deprivation and poverty, and give them what they need for healthy life. Bless the earth with good harvests and productive industry. Protect us from fire, flood and every disaster. And give all Christians a clear sense of our calling to serve you by serving others.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who serve as missionaries distant places, and we ask that you bless their work and protect them from all danger. Keep safe those who travel at this time, and bring everyone back from school holidays rested and refreshed.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer.**

Guide our life and work here at *Grace Lutheran Church* as we go out in your name. Bless all who serve in leadership positions. Uphold the sick and elderly among us, and meet the needs of all we know to be in want and whom we name silently in our hearts...

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, you have given those who work for you authority over the powers of evil. Hear our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who conquered the enemy through his death and now 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 strengthen you to hold fast to the faith and pass it on with love.
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May your life shine so others see God's light and give praise.
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May the Spirit fill you with boldness to leave a lasting legacy in Christ.
May the Spirit fill you with boldness to leave a lasting legacy in Christ. Amen.

LORD, SPEAK TO ME

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.**

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**And while upon the rock I stand,
secure in you, then strengthen me
that I stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.**

**O give your own sweet rest to me,
that I may speak with soothing power
your word in season, lovingly,
to weary ones in needful hour.**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart will overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where;
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

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