

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord, help your people
to avoid all contamination of the devil,
and to follow you, the only Lord,
with pure hearts and minds.
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

*There is one God; and one mediator between God and human beings,
the human being Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.*
(1 Tim 2: 5, 6a)

INVOCATION

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

COMFORT, COMFORT

**Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my Word.
Speak it tender to my people:
all your sins are taken away.**

**Though your tears be rivers running;
though your tears be an ocean full;
though you cry with the hurt of living:
comfort, comfort.**

**Every valley shall be lifted;
every mountain shall be low;
every rough place will be smoother:
comfort, comfort.**

**Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my Word.
Speak it tender to my people:
all your sins are taken away.**

**Though your eyes see only darkness;
though your eyes can see no light;
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:
comfort, comfort.**

**Every night will have its morning;
every pain will have an end;
every burden will be lightened:
comfort, comfort.**

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with the comfort of my Word.
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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.*

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.

YOU ARE GLORIOUS

You are glorious.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow to one victorious,
now exalted to the highest place of all,
Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all,**

**Lord of all.
And we belong to you,
we love your name,
the name above all other names
and Your glory is upon us now
as we worship you,
King of Kings.**

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***The Lord be with you.
And also with you.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we serve only God.

[silence]

**Faithful God,
your Son teaches us
that we cannot serve two masters.
Keep us from being led astray
by greed or possessions,
and help us to dedicate our lives to you
as our one true treasure.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

PSALM 113

Praise the Lord.

*Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.*

*Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and for evermore.*

*From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

*The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.*

*Who is like the Lord our God,
**the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?***

*He raises the poor from the dust
**and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.***

*He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.*

Praise the Lord.

**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

Amos 8:4-7 Against swindlers and exploiters

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?' – skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: 'I will never forget anything they have done.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 The church is to pray for all people

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13 The parable of the shrewd manager

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

Jesus told his disciples: ‘There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, “What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.” ‘The manager said to himself, “What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg – I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.” ‘So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” “Three thousand litres of olive oil,” he replied. ‘The manager told him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifteen hundred.” ‘Then he asked the second, “And how much do you owe?” “Thirty tons of wheat,” he replied. ‘He told him, “Take your bill and make it twenty-four.” ‘The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ‘Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? ‘No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.’

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

FATHER OF HEAVEN, WHOSE LOVE PROFOUND

**Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate word,
Our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.**

**Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious godhead, Three in One.
Before thy Throne we sinners bend:
Grace, Pardon, life to us extend.**

MESSAGE

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

GIFT TO THE WORLD

**We bring the gifts that You have brought us,
we sing the songs that You are teaching to us.
Take our lives, take our time,
take our possessions;
make us Your gift to the world,
make us your gift to the world.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord God,
help us not to hoard our wealth and possessions,
but gladly serve you, our only Master,
by giving of ourselves and what we have.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Paul urges us to offer prayers, supplications, intercessions and thanksgiving for everyone, from the highest to the lowest. So let us come to God, who desires everyone to be saved, and pray to him in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for having mercy on us by bringing us to baptism so that we are saved through the blood of Jesus. Keep us close to you in the church so that we don't forget this wonderful gift but rather grow to enjoy its benefits more and more every day.

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

We pray for the leaders of nations - for our King and all our parliaments, for our Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Premier (*insert name*), and for the leaders of countries overseas. Bring them together to curb all evil, and give them sound judgment so they exercise their authority for the good of all. Hear the cries of your people, O God, and enrich us with your wisdom.

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

We pray for all for parents. Help them use their authority to bring up their children well, and especially to fear, love and trust in you. Cast out all the false gods we make for ourselves and for our children, including the love of money. Hear the cries of your people, O God, and enrich us with true faith in you.

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

We pray for the leaders of the church throughout the world, and for our Bishop Paul Smith and District Bishop *Mark Vainikka*. Sanctify the intentions and actions of all councils and committees, and grow your rule of grace and forgiveness to all nations. Hear the cries of your people, O God, and enrich us with your holiness.

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

And finally we pray, Lord, for all who suffer from authority which has been abused. Forgive the world its many sins of power wrongly used and purge us of oppressive and manipulative behaviour. Hear the cries of your people, O God, and enrich us with your righteousness and healing and meet the needs of those who 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 Emma in Prep; Samuel in Year 1; Charlie, Sebastian, Elijah & Felicity in Year 2; Piper, Leo & Charlie in Year 3; Miranda, Harper & Aubrey in Year 4; Domonic & Finn in Year 5; Matilda in Year 6 and staff members Gary L & Megan W. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Almighty God, you are the Lord and Master of all who hold authority in this world. Lead all people to accept you as master of their lives, that everyone may be saved. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 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 you love God and enjoy him forever.
May you love God and enjoy him forever.
Amen

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

Take my life, Lord, let me be,
to serve you faithfully.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of your love.
Take my feet, and make them, too,
swift and beautiful for you.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my king.
take my lips, and fill them, Lord,
with the message of your word.

Take my silver and my gold;
nothing, Lord, let me withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as you shall choose.

**Take my will and purpose, too;
they belong, my Lord, to you.
Take my heart; it is your own,
it shall be your royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
yours alone, eternally.**

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