



CHURCH @ HOMESERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 28 September 2025
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord,
without you we are not able to please you.
Direct our hearts by the working of your mercy.
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

*In the beginning, God spoke light into the darkness.
That same God shines light into our hearts.
Through the waters of baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection.
The light of Christ raises us to walk in newness of life.
As the Spirit descended on Jesus and the Father named him "beloved,"
So the Spirit rests on us, and the Father claims us as his own.*

INVOCATION

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

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING WATER

**Holy Spirit, living water, flow in us and set us free.
Cleanse our unbelief and sorrow, wash our eyes and make us see.**

**Holy Spirit, come as wind and blow the dust of death away.
Breathe the gift of life into us, lighten hearts to laugh and play.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing fire, burn with truth and justice here.
Catch our minds alight with passion, perfect love that casts out fear.**

**Holy Spirit, come in silence, wordlessly to heal and bless.
Be the heart that prays within us, fill the void with tenderness.**

**Holy Spirit, blessed Wisdom, teach us all of God's delight.
Offer us the wine of grace and make us children of the Light.**

Elizabeth J Smith
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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.

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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King of Kings.**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Spirit moved over the waters at creation and descended on Christ at his baptism. Stir up that same Spirit in our hearts, that we who are joined to Christ's death and resurrection in baptism may walk in newness of life as your beloved children; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIBLE READING

Genesis 1:1-4 – The Spirit of God over the waters

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 6:3-5 – Baptised into Christ Jesus

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

After the reading

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:21-22 – The baptism of Jesus

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

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**

BORNING CRY

**I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptised
to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well.
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time
and join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptised
to see your life unfold.**

John Ylvisaker

MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.
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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.*

WE BELIEVE

**In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation 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
And in our weakness and temptations We believe we believe**

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He's coming again**

He's coming back again We believe we believe

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth, you formed all things by your power and called them good. In Christ you have brought us from death to life, and in baptism you have named us as your beloved children. Receive these offerings, given with thankful hearts. Use them, and use us, so that your light may overcome the darkness, your life may be shared with the world, and your love in Christ may reach all people. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord provides all we need for both body and soul, so let's bring our needs and the needs of all people to him in prayer.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your generosity in the wonders of your creation, giving us life and supplying all we truly need day by day. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with many gifts to give thanks every day and to avoid faithless hoarding and worry about the future.

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

Thank you, dear Father, for the gifts of salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for his faithfulness to you, and for telling us of him in the scriptures. Help us to study and know the scriptures well, and to entrust our whole lives to what you tell us in them. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with the riches of your grace to tell of your forgiveness and redemption.

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

Lord, open our eyes to see poverty and human need, and then to respond as you would have us. Move us and all people to be rich in good works, in response to what we have received from you. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with material riches to share them generously.

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

Remove injustices perpetrated by the rich and powerful on the poor and weak. Bring relief to refugees displaced from their homes. Thank you for the financial support given to those in need through government and taxation here in Australia, and move all in authority to ensure the best and fairest possible assistance. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with supportive community to reach out in love and friendship.

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

Bless the pastoral ministry students completing their studies at Australian Lutheran College and help them make the transition to field work when the time comes. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with learning and education to lead by good example.

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

Watch over the sick, the elderly, and those who are struggling in their personal lives. Touch the hearts of all who have been blessed with health and happiness to share the burdens of those who suffer. And support those known to us personally in need and whom we now name in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

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

King of kings and Lord of lords, you dwell in unapproachable light, but you have graciously given us access to your love and mercy through your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer in his name, for he 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, who brought light out of darkness, fill your heart with hope.

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May you live each day in the new life Christ your Saviour has given you.

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May the Holy Spirit guide you and keep your faith strong.

May the Holy Spirit guide you and keep your faith strong. Amen.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood**

**This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

**This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long**

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