



## **CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER**

**Sunday, 7 September  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Lord, in your constant mercy  
cleanse and defend your church.  
Guide it forever by your goodness  
because it cannot remain safe without you.  
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, all you who long for mercy and peace.*

**Blessed is the one whose sins are forgiven, whose guilt is taken away.**

*Who is like our God, who pardons iniquity and casts our sins into the depths of the sea?*

**Our God is faithful, abounding in steadfast love.**

*Come to Jesus, who says to the broken and repentant, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

**We come with gratitude and joy, to worship our God who forgives, restores, and gives us peace.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

## **BLEST ARE CHILDREN OF OUR GOD**

**Blest are children of our God,  
they are bought with Christ's own blood;  
they are ransomed from the grave,  
life eternal they will have:  
with them numbered may we be  
here and in eternity.**

**They are justified by grace,  
they enjoy the Saviour's peace;  
all their sins are washed away,  
they will stand in God's great day:  
with them numbered may we be  
here and in eternity.**

**They are lights upon the earth,  
children of a heavenly birth;  
one with God, with Jesus one,  
glory has in them begun:  
with them numbered may we be  
here and in eternity.**

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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.**

Sharny Russel

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*The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Gracious God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
You do not treat us as our sins deserve, but in Christ you forgive and redeem us.  
Grant us faith to trust your mercy, the joy of living your forgiveness,  
and love that overflows in gratitude to you; through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**PSALM 32:1-5,10-11**

*Blessed is the one*  
**whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.**  
*Blessed is the one*  
**whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**  
*When I kept silent,*  
**my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**  
*For day and night*  
**your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.**  
*Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.*  
*I said, 'I will confess*  
**my transgressions to the Lord.'**  
*And you forgave*  
**the guilt of my sin.**

**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**

**Micah 7:18-20** – God casts our sins into the depths of the sea

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry for ever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.

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

## **Colossians 1:9-14 – Redemption and forgiveness through Christ**

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

## **Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus forgives a sinful woman**

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

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.' Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

*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**

### **THERE IS A REDEEMER**

**There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God.  
Messiah, Holy one.**

**Thank you, O our Father  
for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till  
your work on earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God.  
Messiah, O for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O our Father  
for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till  
your work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory  
I will see his face  
And there I'll serve my King forever.  
In that holy place.**

**Thank you, O our Father  
for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till  
your work on earth is done.**

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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](#))

### **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.**

## **GRACE**

**Your grace that leads this sinner home  
from death to life forever,  
and sings the song of righteousness  
by blood and not by merit.**

**Your grace that reaches far and wide  
to every tribe and nation,  
has called my heart to enter in  
the joy of Your salvation.**

**By grace, I am redeemed,  
by grace, I am restored.  
And now I freely walk into  
the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Your grace that I cannot explain  
not by my earthly wisdom:  
The Prince of Life, without a stain  
was traded for this sinner.**

**By grace, I am redeemed,  
by grace, I am restored.  
And now I freely walk into  
the arms of Christ my Lord.**

**Let praise rise up and overflow,  
my song resound forever.  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
to walk beside my Saviour.**

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, we rejoice in the joy of your forgiveness. You have lifted our guilt and set us free. Like the woman who anointed Jesus with costly perfume, we bring our gifts in gratitude and love. Use them, and use us, so that others may know the joy of your mercy, the freedom of your forgiveness, and the hope of life in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*In the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, let us pray to God our Father in heaven for the church, the world and all in need.*

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for setting us free from slavery to sin through Jesus. Thank you that he paid the full price for the sins of the whole world on the cross. Thank you for forgiving us in his name, and for adopting us as your own sons and daughters for Jesus' sake.

*Lord, we look to you for help:*

**Hear us in the name of Jesus.**

Help us Lord to forgive one another, even when that costs a great deal. Help us to be bold enough to seek the forgiveness of others when we wrong them, even when it costs us our pride and puts us at risk of rejection. Like clay in the hands of a potter, reshape us to be wise in assisting others seek reconciliation, the way Paul was wise with Philemon and Onesimus.

*Lord, we look to you for help:*

**Hear us in the name of Jesus.**

Free those who are unjustly imprisoned, Lord. Release people enslaved by drugs and destructive habits. And give a new home to all refugees. Like clay in the hands of a potter, reshape us to stand up for the weak and vulnerable, and turn us away from apathy over the suffering of others.

*Lord, we look to you for help:*

**Hear us in the name of Jesus.**

We pray for the earth and for all its creatures. Protect it from damage and sustain its productivity so that the world may be fed. Like clay in the hands of a potter, reshape us to take good care of the earth's treasures, and turn us away from greed and waste.

*Lord, we look to you for help:*

**Hear us in the name of Jesus.**

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Cora & Thomas in Prep; Chase & Mazie in Year 1; Kira & Felix in Year 2; Nerissa, John, Macy, Jack & Millie in Year 3; Kaya, Finn & Harry in Year 5; Stella & Lucia in Year 6 and staff members Jodie B & Chrisina M. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

*Lord, we look to you for help:*

**Hear us in the name of Jesus.**

We pray for the Lutheran Church of Australia. Build the church strong for our grandchildren and grow our mission to all nations. Like clay in the hands of a potter, reshape us to support our church

### **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 the Father cast your sins away and give you peace.*  
**May God the Father cast your sins away and give you peace.**  
*May the joy of forgiveness in Christ fill your heart.*  
**May the joy of forgiveness in Christ fill your heart.**  
*May the Holy Spirit help you forgive as you have been forgiven.*  
**May the Holy Spirit help you forgive as you have been forgiven. Amen.**

## **AMAZING GRACE – MY CHAINS ARE GONE**

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and Grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free,  
my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me.  
His Word, my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free,  
my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we’d first begun.**

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my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing Grace.**