

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 2 November 2025 All Saints Sunday



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, free your people from their offences.

Through your great goodness
release us all from the net of our sins
which has entangled us because of our frailty.

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

We sought the Lord, and were answered. We were delivered from all our fears.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Though we may grieve, we do not grieve as those without hope.

For Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will raise up those who have fallen asleep in Christ.

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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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LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

LET'S PRAISE THE LORD!

Let's praise the Lord!
Worship and bow down.
Shout his name from mountains high,
the king of all creation,
the King who reigns on high.

Let's praise the Lord!

Kneel before his throne,

Lift our voice with songs of praise,

The Lord of our salvation, the Lord of all our Days,

Let's praise the Lord!

Let's praise the Lord.

I will be your true and faithful, I will show you constant love. I will make you mine forever, I will always love the unloved.

I will make the raindrops tumble,
I will make the sun shine through.
I will answer you my people,
I will keep my promise.
Let's praise the Lord!

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I will be your loving shepherd,
I will give you all you need.
I will lead you by still waters,
I will keep you safe from all danger.

I will hold you, comfort, love you,
I will bless you all your days.
I will be with you for ever,
I will keep my promise.
Let's praise the Lord!

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and eternal Father,

On this All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for all who have trusted in you and now rest in your eternal peace. Grant us the same sure hope – that those who believe in your Son, though they die, yet shall they live. Teach us to wait quietly for your salvation, comfort one another with the promise of Christ's coming, and live each day in praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 34:1-4,17-19

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;

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

Lamentations 3:22-26 - Hope in God's steadfast love

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Comfort in the resurrection hope

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL: John 11:21-26 - Jesus, the resurrection and the life

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

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

I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, trusting your great love, trusting you for full salvation, from above.

I am trusting you for pardon, at your feet I bow, for your grace and tender mercy trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing, only you are good, trusting you to make me holy by your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me, you alone must lead, every day and hour supplying all my need.

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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.

THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You I believe You rose again I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

Your mercy never ends, and your compassion is new every morning. As we bring our gifts, fill us with hope in Christ, the resurrection and the life, so that through our service others may know your steadfast love and saving grace. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As we prepare to sit at the table of the Lord and eat with him, let us pray for the church, the world and all its people.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your goodness, and especially for the gift of your dear Son, through whom you have revealed your will and grace. Plant your word in us and help us to keep it in our hearts. Remove our pride and grant that we may walk humbly before you.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Protect and strengthen your church, so that your word and sacraments may nurture faith in you and love to all people. Be with all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world. Bless Australian Lutheran College and the schools of our church, so that they may send out people to serve you by proclaiming your word, by helping others, and by doing your will in their daily lives. Let the light of your word continue to

shine in our homes. Keep the children of the church in the grace of their baptism, and help all who care for them to bring them up to trust and obey you.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lord God Almighty, you are the ruler of all the nations of the earth. Give wisdom to our Prime Minister *Anthony Albanese* and our Premier *David Crisafulli*, to the members of Parliament, and to all who hold office in this country. Bless them, so that all their decisions are based on good advice, so that peace and welfare, truth and justice may always be with us. And make our land a blessing to other peoples and nations.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Let your blessing rest on agriculture, commerce, and industry. Bless our arts and culture, our rest and leisure. Support all who strive to do your will in their daily vocation, and assure them that you are pleased with their work.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We place in your care all those who are in trouble. Remember those in need, those who are sick, and especially those who suffer because they bear your name. Comfort them with your Holy Spirit, so that in their distress they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help. Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Protect us from all physical harm and spiritual danger. Support us in our last hour with your mercy, and finally take us into your eternal joy, to love and serve you with your saints and angels forever.

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 Charlotte, Olivia, Alyce & Hugo in prep, William in Year 1, Finlay, Isobel & Alexey in Year 2, Cooper & Fraser in Year 3, Lauren, Ishveer & Joshua in Year 4, Stesha & Jack in Year 5, Eleanor in Year 6 and staff member Megan L. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Lord God, in your word of forgiveness, salvation has come to this house today. Hear our prayer, and glorify your name in all the world, 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 God's unfailing love give you hope and peace.

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May Christ's promise of new life comfort you.

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May the risen Lord bless and keep you always.

May the risen Lord bless and keep you always. Amen.

JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN

Jerusalem the golden
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song, and bright with many and angel, and all the martyr throng; the Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they, who with their leader have conquered in the fight, for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest; who are, with God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

from 'De contemptu Mundi', Bernard of Cluny (12th century)
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