

CHURCH AT HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 5 October 2025
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty and merciful God,
in your goodness defend us
from everything that might hurt us,
so that we may be ready in body and soul
to do cheerfully what is according to your will.
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

*When the world feels broken, and hope seems far away—
We come to the God who hears our cries.
When our faith feels small and our strength runs out—
We come to the Lord who gives us his Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.
When we long for greater faith—
We come to Jesus, who tells us that even faith as small as a mustard seed is enough.*

INVOCATION

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

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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.
Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God of mercy and strength, when we are weighed down by sorrow and guilt, you lift us up by your grace. Increase our faith, that we may trust in your promises, hold fast to the good news of salvation in Christ, and serve you with humble hearts; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26

*I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.*

*I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.*

*Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:*

*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.*

**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 1:1-6 The deserted city of Jerusalem

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her

enemies. After affliction and harsh labour, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish. Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease. The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe. All the splendour has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 1:1-14 Encouragement to be faithful

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 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. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. 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.

Luke 17:5-10 Faith and duty

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you. 'Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat"? Won't he rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink"? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father,

Creator of heaven and earth, source of all life and all love.

**We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, fully God and fully human,
Saviour of the world, raised from the dead, ascended King of kings.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the living breath and power of God,
sustainer of our life in Christ.**

**We believe that we are a community of God's people,
with whom God is present, called to be love and light in the world.**

**We believe that heaven is our true home,
and we wait in hope for Jesus to return.**

Amen.

GIVE US HEARTS

**Give us hearts to know you, Lord,
to know who you are.**

**We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to love you, Lord,
to love who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to bless you, Lord,
to bless who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to serve you, Lord,
to serve who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to praise you, Lord,
to praise who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to worship, Lord,
to worship who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

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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.*

peace be with you.

Amen.

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed**

**To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have given us the gift of faith in Christ.
Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you.
Use them to bring hope, comfort, and your good news to all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, and in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, let us bring our prayers to God our Father.

Almighty Father: we thank you for the peace we enjoy in Australia. Bless the leaders of our country with the wisdom to rule well so people do not fear one another, and people of different races can live in harmony with one another. Bring peace to other places in the world where there is conflict and an end to senseless and cruel suffering. Turn these people's hearts to you, so they can learn to be concerned for their enemies, and even to want the best for them, rather than the worst. May they be ashamed of their evil and look to you for forgiveness and new hope for the future.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Bless our congregation through your Holy Spirit. May your Spirit give us the courage to speak up for you and never be ashamed to call you our God. Give us the courage to tell people about your love, and about the Good News of new life that flows to us from Jesus Christ. Protect those who are persecuted for their faith and watch over our missionaries wherever they serve.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the faith you have sown in us: small as a mustard seed, but powerful enough to bring us complete forgiveness, and eternal life with you. We thank you for the faith that enables us to serve you in the world, where we can minister to other people, especially those who need us to give them a helping hand. Have mercy on those who are out of work, families who are struggling to survive, the sick and the disabled, and those who suffer evil at the hands of those closest to them. Bless the way we minister to these people and help us share your love with them.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Thank you for your beautiful creation. Let your blessing rest on agriculture, commerce, and industry. Give us sunshine and rain in good measure, and prosper the work of those who grow our food. 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, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have called us to be your servants in the world. Give us the faith we need for this task, and hear our prayers for the sake of 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 God, who sees our sorrow, bring comfort and hope to your heart.
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May the Spirit who calls you give you strength and courage.
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May Jesus, who teaches us to trust, grow your faith day by day.
May Jesus, who teaches us to trust, grow your faith day by day. Amen.

FORTH IN YOUR NAME

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
you, Lord, alone resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

Each task your wisdom has assigned
still let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.

You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.

**Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day;**

**For you delightfully employ
All that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.**

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