

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 9 November 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Stir up, Lord, the wills of your faithful people.
Help us richly bear the fruit of good works,
and give us your rich reward.
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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
The Lord forgives all our sins and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, but patient with us,
Not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance.
Come, let us worship the Lord who is rich in mercy and generous in grace.
Let us rest in his compassion and rejoice in his salvation!

INVOCATION

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

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise Him for This grace and favour
to His people in distress;
praise Him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious is His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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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.

BEHOLD OUR GOD

**Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice:
All creation rises to rejoice.**

**Behold our God seated on His throne;
come let us adore Him!
Behold our King – nothing can compare;
come let us adore Him!**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?**

**Behold our God seated on His throne;
come let us adore Him!
Behold our King – nothing can compare;
come let us adore Him!**

**Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign!**

**Behold our God seated on His throne;
come let us adore Him!
Behold our King – nothing can compare;
come let us adore Him!**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving and faithful God,
You reach out to us with compassion that never fails, and with patience that gives us
time to turn back to you. When we wander or lose heart, draw us again into your
mercy, that we may find rest for our souls and hope in your saving love; through our
Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 103:1-4, 8-12

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits –
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
the Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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

Joel 2:12-14, 21-22 – God calls people to return to Him

‘Even now,’ declares the Lord, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.’ Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches.

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

2 Peter 3:8-9,14-15 – The Lord is patient, wanting all to repent

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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Luke 23:39-43 – The thief on the cross receives salvation

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

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 there 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**

IN YOU IS GLADNESS

**In you is gladness, in all our sadness,
Jesus, joy of every heart;
by you are given blessings from heaven,
true Redeemer, our delight.
Our sins you've taken, our bonds you've broken;
trusting you surely, we build securely,
we stand forever, Hallelujah!**

**Our hearts are turning to you with yearning,
on you relying, living or dying,
we're yours forever. Hallelujah!**

**In you is calmness; nothing can harm us:
world, or death, or Satan's plans.
In our distresses you see and bless us;
you have all things in your hands.
Our heart rejoices, we lift our voices,
singing your glory, telling your story
now and forever. Hallelujah!**

**With adoration, in celebration,
we love and praise you, eagerly raise you
glad hymns forever. Hallelujah!**

H. F. Proeve and David Schubert

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.*

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.
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unending love, amazing Grace.**

**Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio
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OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious God,
Your mercy has no limit and your grace knows no end. As we rest in your compassion
and forgiveness, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to share your
love and bring hope through Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Since in Christ we are one with all the saints of every age, let us come together to pray
to God, who is God of the living, not of the dead.*

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for coming to us in the living temple of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for making us your holy temples by the Holy Spirit. Give us courage when we feel overwhelmed by opposition to you and give us strength to keep on working at building up our knowledge of your word.

God of all the living: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the pastors, parents and teachers who handed the Christian faith on to us. Protect us all from deception by false beliefs and false teachers and have mercy on our children and defend them from the traps of this age. Remember us dear Father, and forgive our timidity and weakness.

God of all the living: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the gift of marriage. If we are married, bring us to value the time with our spouse here on earth, and give us confidence in the wonderful union we will enjoy with Christ and all the saints in heaven. Remember us dear Father and give us courage and strength to work at our relationships.

God of all the living: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the liberty of the democratic system we enjoy here in Australia, and bless all elected members of parliament, at the state and federal levels. Remember us dear Father and give us courage and strength to honour and obey all rightful authority.

God of all the living: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you also for the peace we enjoy here in Australia, and for those who've given their lives to preserve that peace. Relieve those who suffer because of war, and heal those who are scarred because of service to our country. Remember us dear Father and give us courage to share our abundance with the dispossessed.

God of all the living: **hear our prayer.**

Heal the sick and comfort the dying with confidence in the resurrection to eternal life for those who trust in Jesus. Watch over those undergoing surgery this week and bless the medical staff caring for them. Give us courage and strength to support those we know and love in special need and remember them dear Father as we now name them silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*.

God of all the living: **hear our prayer.**

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Frankie in Prep, Estella, Aria & Scarlett in Year 1, Valentina & Sophie in Year 2, Callie & Hiram in Year 3, Olivia & Adam in Year 5, Eliza & Jeremy in Year 6 and staff member Kyren L. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Eternal God, Holy Father, join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he comes as victorious Lord of all. 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 you know the mercy of God, who forgives and loves you without end.
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May you live each day with hope, placing faith in God's promises.
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May the peace of Christ rest on you and guide all your ways.
May the peace of Christ rest on you and guide all your ways. Amen.

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

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wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood-washed linen
how I'll sing Thy sov'reign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
take my ransom soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
me to endless realms of day.**

Robert Robinson