



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 17 May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty and eternal God,
help us always
willingly to serve you as our king,
with a pure heart.
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

*Jesus said: 'The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit, Alleluia
to those who ask him!' Alleluia!*
(Luke 11:13)

INVOCATION

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

BLESS THE LORD (10,000 Reasons)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,
10,000 reasons for my heart to find:**

**(To) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
10,000 years and then forever more.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship Your holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship Your holy name.
I worship Your holy name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul:
I worship Your holy name.
I worship Your holy name.
I worship Your holy name.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for the unity of the Holy Spirit.

[silence]

**Holy Father,
your Son prayed for his disciples
that they would be one,
as you and he are one.
Keep your whole church harmoniously together
in faith and love,
united by the one Spirit.
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.**

BIBLE READING

Psalm 19:103-105:

Your words are very sweet to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to me. Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 3:15-16:

You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus. God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

After the reading

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Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:13 – 14:

People were bringing little children to Jesus. They wanted him to place his hands on them to bless them. But the disciples told them to stop. When Jesus saw this, he was angry. He said to his disciples, "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them".

*After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.*

Thanks be to God.

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**

OCEANS

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep, my faith will stand**

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now**

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine, oh-oh-ohhh
And You are mine, oh-oh-ohhh**

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour
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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

MY LIGHTHOUSE

**In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
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**Fire before us
You're the brightest
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OFFERING PRAYER

**God of comfort,
your Son prayed for his followers in the world,
that they might be one.
Use us and what you have given us
to serve you and one another.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God our Father: we thank you for the Ascension of the risen Lord. We are filled with hope that Christ is the head of the church and king of the universe. That he is interceding for us at your right hand. Help us to live and serve with you in your mission, in confidence of the one who is Lord over everything.

Thank you that you have made us one in Christ, one in our baptism, one in our hope. Bless the dialogues between churches that seek to understand one another and come together on the basis of your word.

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

Bless the joint activities of the churches that give a common witness to Christ. Help us to enjoy and express the unity we have in Jesus. We pray for the protection of all your people from evil and we pray that through your church many more people may come to know you through Christ.

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

We pray for all the children and families in the care of the schools of our church, asking that you would help us educate both for this life and the next. We pray that our schools may be accessible to all who would send their children to a place where your voice is heard in daily life.

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

We pray for the staffing of our schools with teachers committed to Christ and his church. Guide the staff of Christian schools by your Holy Spirit, and give them courage, faith and commitment to serve and love the children you place before them each day.

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

We pray for all people who bring your word to others: those involved in Bible translation, in teaching people to read and in Christian publishing and media. We thank you for their talents and willingness to serve you. Bless their work and encourage them.

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

We pray for compassion and healing for all who are sick and all in need of assistance. Show us how to be your hands and feet so we can spread your goodness to our friends and neighbours.

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

We pray for God's guidance and blessings for all members and friends of our congregation. Today we pray for Malcolm & Margaret; Brian; Naree; Jeff & Anne; Peter & Jackie. Please keep them strong in faith, active in love, and hopeful in all things.

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 Bowie & Rosie in Prep; Theodore, Hunter & Sophia in Year 1; Ava, Leo, Isla & Axel in Year 2; Emerson in Year 3; Clarisse, Alesia & Ashton in Year 4; Emma in Year 5; Chiara in Year 6 and staff members David B & Symone H. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Lord our God, you have brought the good news of Jesus Christ to us through your Spirit-filled messengers. Move us to bring the good news to those with whom we live. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, 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 go with you wherever you are.

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May Jesus help you listen to his voice and follow him.

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May God bless you with forgiveness, peace, and great big mercy.

May God bless you with forgiveness, peace, and great big mercy. Amen.

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

**I'm reading my B-I-B-L-E
And this is what it says to me
It tells me that I'm never ever alone
I'm learning how J-E-S-U-S
Came down to us and gave His best
Without a doubt the best friend you'll ever know**

**Our God knows exactly what I need
So I remember this
Let's go**

**When you ask, He cares
When you seek, He's there
And when you knock knock knock knock knock
God opens up the door
When you ask, He cares
When you seek, He's there
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