

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 5 July 2026
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord God,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts a love for your name.
Nourish in us what is good,
and preserve in us what you have nourished.
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 says: 'Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.'*
(Matt 11:28,29)

INVOCATION

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

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

**Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made
This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You**

So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came
To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross
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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.*

Peace be with you.

Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?

Only a Holy God!

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendour outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice?

Only a Holy God!

Come and behold Him – the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy; forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God!

What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated?

Only a Holy God!

Come and behold Him – the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy; forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God!

**Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God! Only my Holy God!**

**Come and behold Him – the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy; forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!**

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*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray for gentleness.
[silence]*

**Thank you, Jesus, our gentle king,
that you became a servant to all,
and gave up your life for us.
As your followers,
make us humble, so that, like you,
we serve others.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

PSALM 145:8-14

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.*

*They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.*

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

*The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.*

**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

Zechariah 9:9-12: The humble king

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

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

Romans 7:15-25a: The struggle of the sinner-saint

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this

I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30: Jesus reveals the Father, and the weary find rest in him

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others: "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'" For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast':**

**I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live':**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.**

**Horatius Bonar
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MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.

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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**

I'M SO SECURE

**I'm so secure, you're here with me;
you stay the same, your love remains
here in my heart.**

***So close I believe you're holding me now,
in your hands I belong. You'll never let me go.
So close I believe you're holding me now,
in your hands I belong. You'll never let me go.***

**You gave your life in your endless love,
you set me free and showed the way:
now I am found.**

***So close I believe you're holding me now,
in your hands I belong. You'll never let me go.
So close I believe you're holding me now,
in your hands I belong. You'll never let me go.***

***All along, You were beside me Even when I couldn't tell.
Through the years You showed me more of You,
More of You.***

***So close I believe you're holding me now,
in your hands I belong. You'll never let me go.
So close I believe you're holding me now,
in your hands I belong. You'll never let me go.***

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for coming to us as a gentle king
and bringing us victory over sin and death.
Make us more and more like you,
humble and gentle and serving others.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God has given us his Spirit, and by the Spirit we pray to him as our Father. So let us bring our requests to God.

Almighty God and Creator, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. How majestic is your name in all the earth. We praise and thank you for making and upholding all things day by day. For our bodies and minds with all their powers, for food and clothing, home and family, daily work and all we need from day to day, we give you thanks. Open our eyes and ears to your creative presence in our daily lives; and open the eyes of our hearts to your Son through your word.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We thank you for your new creation – your church, the body of your Son – in whom we receive grace and mercy. Bless and protect your church throughout the world that she may preach the gospel in all its truth unhindered to all people. Equip the leaders of our church. By your Holy Spirit enable them to carry out their callings with joy, strength and wisdom.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We thank you for ordering our country and society by means of our government and elected leaders. Bless those in positions of responsibility that they may willingly strive for truth and justice, and so be your instruments of care and protection. We particularly pray that they would continue to grant freedom of religious expression so that the church may publicly declare that there is no salvation apart from your Son Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Grant your healing and peace to all we know are unwell or undergoing medical treatment. Watch over them, give them confidence in your good and gracious will for them and guide the surgeons, doctors, nurses and other health professionals who care for them.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Graciously protect us from fire and flood, from war and disease, from famine and strife and from every kind of disaster. Support all people in their proper vocation, particularly those who are overworked and those whose work is difficult and dangerous. Help all those who are unemployed or underemployed to find suitable work. Bless our arts and culture, our science and technology. Be with all widows and widowers, and provide for all children who have lost their parents. Comfort those who are lonely and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present. During NAIDOC Week, we give thanks for the gifts, culture, and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As Lutherans, we confess that God is the Creator of all people and all lands, and we pray that through Christ's grace we may grow in repentance, justice, healing, and reconciliation, walking together in the peace of the Holy Spirit.

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 Snow & Gael; Glenis; Fay; Peter & Kay; Jan. Please keep them strong in faith, active in love, and hopeful in all things.

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

Almighty and merciful Father, hear us, your children, as we bring our prayers to you. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the Lord take your worries from you and give you rest.
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Amen

TEACH ME TO DANCE

**Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit.
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.**

**Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the Word of Your promise.
Teach me to hope in the day of Your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.**

**You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth,
in You is joy without measure. So like a child in Your sight,
I dance to see Your delight, for I was made for Your pleasure, pleasure.**

**Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit.
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.**

**Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the Word of Your promise.
Teach me to hope in the day of Your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.**

**Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say “yes”,
a will that leaps to obey You. Let all my energy blaze
to see the joy on Your face, let my whole being praise You,
praise You.**

**Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit.
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence,
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