

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 30 August 2026

A PRAYER FOR OPEN HEARTS AND EARS

**Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh,
open our ears to hear your voice and our hearts to trust your promises.**

Where we are distracted, focus us;

where we are weary, strengthen us;

where we are guarded, soften us by your grace.

Let your truth take root in us and bear fruit for the life of the world.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Come, let us draw near to the God who calls us by name.

We come to worship the great "I AM," who is always with his people.

*The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob heard the cries of his people and called Moses to
lead them to freedom.*

In Jesus Christ, God has come to rescue us and set us free.

Come, let us worship the Lord, who was, and is, and always will be.

We worship the great "I AM," giving him all glory, honour, and praise.

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days, and God of love:
the Lord, the great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
We bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days in all our ways.
He calls us each a friend,
He calls Himself our God;
and He shall save us to the end
through Jesus' blood.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Spirit blest!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
with heaven our songs we raise:
all might and majesty are Yours,
and endless praise.

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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.

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.**

**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.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and gracious God,
you revealed yourself to Moses in the burning bush and called him to lead your
people from slavery into freedom. Open our ears to hear your voice, strengthen our
faith to trust your promises, and give us courage to follow where you lead. Grant
that we may serve you with willing hearts all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has delivered us from sin and death, amen.**

BIBLE READING

Exodus 3:1–15: The call of Moses

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.' When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.' 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.' Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" Then what shall I tell them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you."' 'This is my name for ever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:9-21: Living in love

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. Bless those

who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Matthew 16:21-28: Jesus speaks about his death and discipleship

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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**

GREAT I AM

**I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty the great I Am**

**I wanna be near near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty the great I Am**

**The mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am**

**The great I Am
The great I Am
The great I Am**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty the great I Am**

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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.*

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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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

As you called Moses from the burning bush and revealed your holy name, you call us to trust in your presence and join in your saving work. Receive the gifts we bring today. Use them to share your love, bring hope to those in need, and proclaim that you are the God who is with us – the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God who has come to us in Jesus Christ. Teach us to respond to your call with faithful hearts, humble lives, and willing hands. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to our heavenly Father that his love would be seen throughout the world and that evil will be overcome.

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 so that we bear much fruit.

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.

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

Bless Australian Lutheran College and all the schools of the 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.

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

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. Have mercy on the enemies of your church, so that they may repent and live.

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

Bless all those in government and positions of authority. We pray for the legal system: judges, lawyers, courts, juries, penal and correctional institutions, and personnel. Help them to serve wisely and justly, so that people may be restrained from wrongdoing and encouraged to live good lives.

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

Provide for asylum seekers and refugees, for the poor and needy, and for all who are disadvantaged. To this end let your blessing rest on Lutheran Care, its director and staff, and all the work it engages in.

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

We place in your care all who are in trouble. Remember those in need, those who are sick, and especially those who suffer because they bear your name. By your Holy Spirit, help your people to forgive those who hurt them, and so bear witness to your great love.

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

Be with those who mourn the death of a loved one. Strengthen them with the message of your Son's resurrection and comfort them with your love.

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 Joyleen; Greg; Maureen; Malcolm & Margaret; Brian. 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 Evelyn & Wynter in Prep; Lucy, Alfie, Luna, Luana & Johnny in Year 1; Elise & Maiya in Year 2; Harrison & Lais in Year 3; Sophie & Emilee in Year 5; and staff members Aden & Abbey. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Lord God, you have defeated evil and sin and death through the death of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. In mercy hear the prayers we bring to you in his name, 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 that the One who called Moses calls you and walks with you.
May you know that the One who called Moses calls you and walks with you.
May you trust the "I AM" God who is faithful and near.
May you trust the "I AM" God who is faithful and near.
May you share Christ's love with courage and joy.
May you share Christ's love with courage and joy. Amen.

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,

**give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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