



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 9 August 2026
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**



A PRAYER FOR CONFESSION AND GRACE

**Merciful Father, we come as we are—
not hiding our sin, not polishing our pride,
but trusting your promise that where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more.
Wash us in your forgiveness, lift our burdens,
and set us free to worship you with honest hearts and joyful voices,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

*Come, people of God. We gather in the presence of the One
who meets us in our weakness and gives us strength.*

We come to worship the Lord, who never lets go of us.
*Jacob wrestled through the night, and God blessed him with
a new name and a new future.*

God meets us in our struggles and blesses us with grace.
In Jesus Christ, God has wrestled with sin and death and has won the victory for us.
We trust in Christ, who holds us fast and makes us his own.

INVOCATION

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

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OLD ISAAC ASKED HIS NEARBY SON

**"Old Isaac asked his nearby son,
"What is your name? I'm poor in sight."
He sought to bless the elder one.
"Which one are you?" he asked that night.**

**Then Jacob said, "I'm Esau here,"
As he stood there in his disguise.
The blessing he would hold so dear
Began that night with tricks and lies.**

**With Esau angry, Jacob fled.
Soon Rachel gladly said, "I do."
Then Jacob toiled and earned his bread,
And soon his wealth and holdings grew.**

**A strange man met him late one night.
They wrestled, struggling all night long,
The man spoke at the morning light,
"You've wrestled God and you have won."**

**The stranger asked him, "What's your name?"
This time, the name he spoke was true.
Yet nothing would remain the same,
For in that struggling time, he grew.**

**Then Jacob went to Esau's land,
With Esau he was reconciled.
In all his life, he saw God's hand,
And he was blessed to be God's child.**

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

Gracious God,
when the night is long and our strength is spent, you do not abandon us but meet us with your steadfast love. Wrestle with our fears, break our pride, and hold us fast until we cling to your promise alone. Bless us with the grace that comes through Christ, so that even our wounds may become signs of your mercy, and we may walk each day trusting in your faithful care. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PSALM 85:8-13

I will listen to what God the Lord says;
**he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants –
but let them not turn to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

**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

Genesis 32:22-31: Jacob wrestles with God

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man

said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

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

Romans 10:5-15: The word of the Lord is near you

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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Thanks be to God.

Matthew 14:22-33: Jesus walks on the water

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat

was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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**

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

**When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast**

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

**Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast**

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

**For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last**

**He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast**

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.*

BROKEN VESSELS

(Amazing Grace)

**All these pieces broken and scattered;
in mercy gathered, mended and whole.**

**Empty handed but not forsaken:
I've been set free; I've been set free.**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**Oh I can see it now,
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down,
raising up the broken to life.**

You take our failure,
You take our weakness,
You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel:
the world to see Your love in me.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
like Jacob, you have blessed us with your grace and faithfulness.
Receive our gifts of thanks, and use them to share your love and
gospel with the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We are often tossed about by the storms of troubles, worries, and doubts. So let us cry out to God in faith for our needs and the needs of all people.

Thank you heavenly Father for your goodness and grace shown to us this week, for every physical and spiritual blessing. We thank you for your powerful word which has sustained your people throughout the ages, and which upholds your church today. Give us confidence in this word, and help us to hear, learn and keep it in our hearts.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the church's work of preaching and teaching, and every Christian's task of bearing witness to you. Give people a hunger and curiosity to find out more about your salvation, and make churches ready to share the bread of life.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Thank you for calling people to serve your church in this country and overseas. Bless the College of Bishops and all who serve the Church as members of boards, committees, and commissions.

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

You assured Elijah that he was not alone – help your people to believe in the communion of saints, and protect Christians whose lives are endangered because of their confession.

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

Through your servant Elijah you anointed kings of nations to serve your purposes - so move and guide the leaders of the world that your will may be done. Bless our land and its leaders. Bless all health and welfare institutions and personnel: doctors, nurses, hospitals, homes for the aged, carers, social services, administrators, social workers. We now bring before you all whom we know are sick, frightened or grieving, and in any kind of trouble (*brief silence*).

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 Judy; Anja; Malcolm & Esther; David & Janet; Patricia. 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 Elyrah & Aria in Prep; Vincent in Year 2; Grace & Cleo in Year 3; Isobel in Year 4; Otis, Porter, Penelope, Xavier & Savannah in Year 5; Piper & Rosemary in Year 6 and staff members Miya & Megan M. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Heavenly Father, our faithful and loving God, we know that when we turn to you, you will hear and help us. Listen to our prayers and answer them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 the Father be with you in every struggle, reminding you that he is near.
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May Jesus bless you with faith to trust his promises and hold on to him.
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May the Holy Spirit fill you with God's love and peace.
May the Holy Spirit fill you with God's love and peace. Amen.

PLEASE WALK BESIDE ME

**I offer up my heart, to You my Lord
Only in Your arms, I'm safe, I'm home
In You I will abide, forevermore
You're faithful and You're true
Your love will see me through
There's no one else but You
I'll cling to**

**Please walk beside me everyday
Hold me and guide me all of the way
You give me life and destiny
Only in You can I be made free**

**Today I offer up my heart
Completely Lord not just in part
Take all I am, take all I'll be
In my weakness Lord
Have Your way in me**