



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 6 September 2026
Fifteenth 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

*We gather as God's people, called to live in love and unity.
Jesus calls us to care for one another, to speak truth with love, and to seek
reconciliation.
Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, he is present among them.
We rejoice that Christ is here with us, leading us to forgive and restore.
When we pray together, our heavenly Father hears us.
So, we come with confidence, trusting in God's gracious love.*

INVOCATION

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

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

FATHER WELCOMES ALL HIS CHILDREN

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me for My kingdom is of these,
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin:**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptised and believe shall be born again:**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

**Let us daily die to sin Let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord Live in the peace of God**

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,
Father giving His salvation, life for ever has been won.**

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BIBLE READING

HEBREWS 12: 5-11

You have forgotten that the Scriptures say to God's children, "When the Lord punishes you, don't make light of it, and when he corrects you, don't be discouraged. The Lord corrects the people he loves and disciplines those he calls his own." Be patient when you are being corrected! This is how God treats his children. Don't all parents correct their children? God corrects all of his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him. Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them. Isn't it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us? Our human fathers correct us for a short time, and they do it as they think best. But God corrects us for our own good, because he wants us to be holy, as he is. It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:15-20: Steps towards reconciliation

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go to them. Tell them what they did wrong. Keep it between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them back. But what if they won’t listen to you? Then take one or two others with you. Scripture says, ‘Every matter must be proved by the words of two or three witnesses.’ (Deuteronomy 19:15) But what if they also refuse to listen to the witnesses? Then tell it to the church. And what if they refuse to listen even to the church? Then don’t treat them as a brother or sister. Treat them as you would treat an ungodly person or a tax collector. “What I’m about to tell you is true. What you lock on earth will be locked in heaven. What you unlock on earth will be unlocked in heaven. “Again, here is what I tell you. Suppose two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for. My Father in heaven will do it for you. Where two or three people gather in my name, I am there with them.”

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**

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying death has brought me life - I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

Stuart Townend

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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.*

O FATHER, MY FATHER, I CALL ON YOUR NAME

**O Father, my Father, I call on Your name;
my heart it is heavy with sorrow and shame.
For I've been a coward, my courage has flown,
and love lies within me as cold as a stone.**

**No word can excuse me, no word that I say,
no place that I run to can hide me away.
For nothing is hidden; yes, all is revealed -
You see how I'm sick, Lord; I want to be healed.**

**O Father, my Father, I call on Your name,
Your promise is with me to carry my blame.
You came as a servant, Your road it was clear;
no coward was Jesus for love knows no fear.**

**O, how I do wish that my last day was here,
that I might be with You where all is made clear;
where sorrow is over, the world is set free,
and that which we hope for we finally see.**

Robin Mann

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Loving and merciful God,
thank you for your compassion on us and on all people.
Lead us to show the same compassion to others, whatever their background.
Use us and our gifts for your service. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord has promised us, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them'. Since our Lord Jesus Christ is present with us, let us pray to our Father with confidence.

Dear Heavenly Father: bless your church, and keep us grounded on you and in your gospel. Help us receive sinners with compassion and forgiveness. Help us to remember that we need your compassion and forgiveness as much as anyone.
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who have strayed from faith in Christ. Please remember, them Father, and though they have turned from you, remind them time and time again that you are still there for them waiting for them to return. Give us patience and compassion, and stop us from trying to close the door when we have no right. Keep us hoping and looking for opportunities to reach out with the love of Christ in this community, and bless our efforts.

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

Watch over the enemies of the church, Lord. Help them to hear the word of your grace, open their hearts to receive Christ so that they may also know the mercy and love of God which gives us so much hope.

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

Please help all those who live with anger and bitterness in their hearts. Give them joy, the precious joy that only Christ can give, and open their hearts to your healing love and give them peace.

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 Veronica; Naree; Jeff & Anne; Peter & Jackie; Pat. 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 Audrey & Celeste in Year 1; Scarlett, Freyja & Bailey in year 2; Thomas in Year 23; Ethan & Hiram in Year 4; Lucy in Year 5; Ava, Alyssa, Manoli, Zoe & Miles in Year 6 and staff members Megan H & Solomon. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

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

Heavenly Father, even in the divisions of this world you make your church unified in Christ. Keep us bound together in love, and hear the prayer we have offered in Jesus' name. **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 Christ help you live in unity with others.
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May he give you courage to reconcile and forgive.
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May the love of God go with you and fill your heart with peace.
May the love of God go with you and fill your heart with peace. Amen.

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see
It's what the Lord has done in me

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Hosanna hosanna
To the Lamb that was slain
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**Into the river I will wade
There my sins are washed away
From the heaven's mercy stream
Of the Saviour's love for me**

**I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs
Jesus Christ has set me free**

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**Reuben Morgan
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