



Church@Home
16th August 2020
Pentecost 11, Year A
9am Traditional worship

HYMN: LHS793 “TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

<https://youtu.be/-15v9iworAU>

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in!**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory,
great things he has done!***

**O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives:**

**Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:**

*Words: Frances Jane van Alstyne
Music: William Howard Doane*

WELCOME

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

IN THE NAME

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ:

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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

**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.**

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart:

Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

I do.

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

I do.

Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent and believe. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

Amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.

We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly king,

God, the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,

O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;

have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy,

you alone are Lord,

you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (all)

**Thank you, God of the nations,
for calling all kinds of people into your kingdom,
even though none of us deserve your great love.
Make us confident in praying to you
for our own needs
and for the needs of others.
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.**

THEME OF THE DAY: Romans 5:8 – 21
 “Hugged by God” *(Romans 4)*

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING [Isaiah 56:1, 6 – 8](#)

SECOND READING [Romans 5:8 – 21](#)

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel is written in [Matthew 15:21 – 28](#).
Glory be to you, O Lord

(after the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

“Hugged by God”

- * “HUGGED BY GOD”, *using two volunteers who reconcile with one another after a fight*

Hi boys and girls,

- * Do you sometimes have fights with your brother or sister, or with your friends....
- * I need two volunteers to pretend to have a fight with one another, and then I want you to make up with one another....

For example, have the volunteers playing with a toy together.... Then pretend that one says, “It’s my toy and you can’t play with it!”

- * *What could happen next?*
Maybe hurtful words, or hurtful actions like pushing one another....
- * What could happen now?
You walk away from one another and have nothing more to do with one another....

Or one person can try to heal things by saying, “I’m sorry! I was selfish not letting you play with my toy”. The other person might say, “I forgive you”, and “I’m sorry that I pushed you, and said hurtful things to you”.

And then the two people could be friends again, and play one another again.

- * You know God has acted to make it possible for us to be friends with Him. What has He done to make it possible for us to be forgiven by Him?
God has sent His Son to suffer and to die for all our sins, and as we trust in Jesus as our Saviour, we have God’s forgiveness, and can be His friends.
- * God wants us to heal any broken relationships that we have with others. God wants us to “Practice being Godly”, *to practice being His children in the way that we live our life: to live like Him, like Jesus.*

As Colin Buchanan sings:

**Never give up, make it your aim,
Practice being Godly.
If you’ve been forgiven in Jesus name
Practice being Godly.
He paid the price for all our sin
His Holy Spirit dwells within
So centre all you do on him...
Practice being Godly.**

CHILDRENS SONG

“Practice being Godly”

<https://youtu.be/IPaDrmxMAuw?t=21>

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us* and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN: LH387 “The Lord’s my shepherd”

https://youtu.be/kbGsIVeKU_E

**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for his own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes:
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

*Words: Scottish Psalter 1650
Music: Jessie Seymour Irvine 1836-87*

MESSAGE

Romans 5:8-21
"Hugged by God" (*Romans 4*)

Click [HERE](#) to view the message on YouTube

HYMN: LHS872 "Nearer my God"

<https://youtu.be/rwLI5nY5WPI>

**Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me.
Still all my song shall be:
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!**

**Nearer, my Lord to thee,
Nearer to thee!
Who to thy cross didst come
Dying for me.
Strengthen my willing feet;
Hold me in service sweet,
Nearer, O Christ, to thee,
Nearer to thee!**

**Nearer, O Comforter,
Nearer to thee!
Who with my loving Lord
Dwellest with me.
Grant me thy fellowship;
Help me each day to keep
Nearer, my guide, to thee,
Nearer to thee!**

**But to be nearer still,
Bring me, O God,
Not by the visioned steeps
Angels have trod.
Here, where thy cross I see,
Jesus, I wait for thee,
Then evermore to be,
Nearer to thee!**

Words: v1 Sarah Flower Adams 1805-1848

Vv2-4 Hervey Doddrige Ganse 1822-1891

Music: Lowell Mason 1792-1872

OFFERTORY SONG

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus, trusting that he would hear and help her. Let us turn to our heavenly Father, praying for ourselves and our world.

The regular response, OR

Let us call out to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, as we await the return of our Lord
- * for those whom society treats as 'unclean'
- * for the Jewish people, and for the nation of Israel
- * for marriage and people in all kinds of families and those who support them

- * for the sick and infirm, the physically and mentally ill, alcoholics and drug addicts, people who are suicidal, whose who have had family members suicide, and those who care for them

Concluding prayer

Heavenly Father, as weak and sinful human beings we come to you asking for your mercy. Listen to our cry for help, and hear our prayers. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour,† and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: LH465 "PRAISE MY SOUL"

<https://youtu.be/rCRCZMmnwZQ>

**Praise, my soul,
the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore, His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious is His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1793 – 1847
Based on Psalm 103
Music: John Goss 1800-80*