

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home
Sunday 18th June 2023
Pentecost 3, Year A
9am Traditional worship service

HYMN: LHS 903 TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS

<https://youtu.be/3E7QWLyDWe8>

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name — the Lord, the mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-
Music: Walter Greatorex 1877-1949*

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 confess that I have sinned against you in many ways.
You have been so good to me, but I have deeply displeased you.
You have saved me by your grace alone, but I have often doubted
your love for me.**

**You have given your life to save all the people of the world, but I
confess I have often not shared your love with others.
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.**

God is gracious and merciful. 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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.
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)

(Let us pray for dedication in following Jesus. *[silence]*)
Jesus, our Saviour,
thank you for giving up everything for us,
and making us your people.
Live within us,
and teach us to follow you
without counting the cost.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, Romans 5:1-8
 “Jesus sends us out with such Good News.”

BIBLE READINGS:

FIRST READING

[Genesis 18:1-15](#)

SECOND READING

[Romans 5:1-8](#)

After each 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 9:35 - 10:8](#)

(after the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

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**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: AT 246 THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

<https://youtu.be/a6LC8cu03Ig>

***Thy word is lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.***

**When I feel afraid, I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
please be near me to the end.**

**I will not forget your love for me, and yet
I'll forever be wand'ring.
Jesus, be my guide, hold me to your side;
I will love you to the end.**

*Words: Amy Grant
Music: Michael Smith.
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MESSAGE Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, Romans 5:1-8

Jesus sends us out with such Good News.

Jesus is pure Good News. **Jesus went everywhere preaching the Good News of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness... Jesus sent out the twelve to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons, and proclaim “The Kingdom of God has come near.”** First Jesus spread the Good News, and the disciples learned how to do it. Then Jesus sent out the disciples to do what they'd learned from Jesus. “Up until this time, the disciples were like passengers in a car while Jesus had been doing all the driving. Now he tells them to go off and do it themselves.”

Many years ago three of us pastors drove around in a NZ city where the church thought of planting a new church. We stopped in a street and I suggested we get out and meet the people. I got out of the car, but the other two pastors didn't move. Sometime later I received the call to become the pastor for this new church. Jesus shows us that we can't just sit in car or church and talk about the Gospel and about mission. Jesus teaches us and then sends us out. Jesus and what he has done for us is such Good News HE and IT must be shared. God's amazing love and grace is not just for us, but for the whole world. And I think there's hardly been a time, when the world needs God's love and grace more than today.

This sermon is about the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD, of JUSTIFICATION, Rom 5, and how we're SENT TO SHARE THIS GOOD NEWS. It's about being in the car with Jesus to learn this Good News, and getting out of the car with Jesus to share it; it's about Jesus calling us into the church to teach us his way, and sending us into the world to live his way.

1.THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM. The coming of the Kingdom of God is very Good News. Jesus' ministry began with these words: **Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God. The time has come. The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the Good News.** Jesus said he had come to bring the Kingdom of God to replace the old broken kingdom ruled by sin, death and the devil; to replace the old broken kingdom ruled by Caesar and Herod, and a broken religious system; to replace an old covenant based on law, with a new covenant based on love and grace. Jesus did not come to tinker on the surface with a few superficial changes. Jesus came to strike at the foundation and begin again. Jesus came to bring in a new Kingdom where he ruled with love from the cross, where he conquered not by destroying others and taking their blood, but by removing all sins by his blood on the cross, and drawing us to himself by his love and compassion, and giving us a new birth into his Kingdom, where we become the reclaimed children of God.

In the Gospel for today we see what this Kingdom of God looks like. Jesus goes about **proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness, showing compassion on the crowds of harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** The K of God is Jesus going about healing, forgiving, welcoming the lost, freeing people from evil spirits, raising the dead. Jesus went about speaking Good News but even more, he went about doing good. The K of God is really Good News for you, and for all. Every day is a day to praise God that you have been baptised into such a great Kingdom.

2.THE GOOD NEWS OF JUSTIFICATION. In Romans 5 Paul fills in what the Good News does for us. **Since we have been justified by faith.** Justification is the most wonderful action of God for us. It means that though we stand guilty of sin, God forgives us and sets us free. Last week we rejoiced to see Kathleen Folbigg pardoned and released from prison. That was for a crime she never committed. But Justification means that Jesus Christ sets us free from the sin we have all committed. *We receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven.* This forgiveness brings great joy and freedom to us, as the State's pardon and freedom brought such joy to Kathleen Folbigg and her friends.

Justification brings peace with God, access into God's grace in which we now stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, and we rejoice in our sufferings. When we know that we are forgiven & set free by God, this love of God affects every area of our life, even our suffering. This week I had a letter from Kim Dinh in Vietnam. She asked me to "Thank God for allowing me to go through so many circumstances to train me that now I am in a difficult but worry-free situation." Kim Dinh is learning that we can rejoice even in our sufferings, because we know that we are secure in Christ, and Jesus is always with us as he was with the men in the fiery furnace.

In this world in which so many have lost hope, Paul reminds us that since we are justified by faith we have hope; and this hope means we will not be put to shame and give up in disappointment **because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the HS who has been given to us. God demonstrates his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** What an amazing message this is for each one of us, wherever we are in life. What an important message of love and hope for a sinful and broken world.

3.THE GOOD NEWS WE'RE SENT TO SHARE. Jesus shows his disciples what the Kingdom of God is like by showing such compassion to people, and says to his disciples: **the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the field.** Jesus asks his disciples, and surely us too, to pray for workers in the field. And surely the time to pray for workers is now when we are so short of pastors and evangelists. But listen to chap.10. **Jesus ...gave his 12 disciples authority to drive out evil spirits, and to heal every disease and sickness. Jesus sent them out... go and preach: The Kingdom of God is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.** Jesus says in one breath: pray for workers, and in the next breath he says: YOU ARE THE WORKERS. Surely this means that Jesus both calls us to pray for workers and also sends us out to be the workers. Yes, we need to pray for pastors, but also we need to pray for God to send us wherever he chooses us to go.

The HS has given us many different gifts to show **compassion to the harassed and helpless** people all around us, and tell them about Jesus and invite them into his Kingdom. Kim Dinh is going to preach in an area where a witch doctor has control. She has asked us to pray for her. Jesus calls us to pray & we need to grow in prayer for workers. But he also calls & sends us to GO; all of us, according to our gifts. How we need to pray that all whom God has called to go, will hear that call & be encouraged & permitted to go & share the Good News. Amen.

Pastor David Christian

HYMN: AT 292 BECAUSE WE BEAR YOUR NAME

<https://youtu.be/1TCc9zuumw4>

**Lord Jesus, we belong to you,
You live in us, we live in you;
We live and work for you —**

because we bear your name.

**Help us receive each other, Lord,
For you receive the least of us
And come to us in them —**

**Bless those who give us any gift,
Because they know that we are yours;
Reward them with your grace —**

**Let us acknowledge those as friends
Who use your name to right a wrong,
But have not joined us yet —**

**Let nothing that we do or say
Offend the weak so that they fall
And lose their faith in you —**

**Keep us from missing out on life;
Give hands that help, and single sight,
And feet that walk your way —**

**You are the salt that cleanses us,
So clean us out and make us fit
For common life with you —**

*Words: John Kleinig
Music: Robin Mann
LicenSing*

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

We know that God in his love wants to give us more than we can ever ask for. So let us pray for all his people through faith in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Response

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, that it may always live a life of faith
- * for our nation's leaders - the Queen, her representatives, the parliaments, the prime minister and cabinet, and departments, the opposition and the whole system of government
- * for human rights and justice, people and organisations that work for these, racial harmony
- * for women in childbirth, pregnant women, young parents, those who have experienced miscarriage, single parents, unborn children, women who have had an abortion (and family and friends affected by this).

Concluding prayer

Lord God, we put into your merciful hands all those people whom we pray for; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: LH595 LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

https://youtu.be/F-Bf_f2NM_8

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; thanks for mercies
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
thanks for mercies past receive;
pardon all, their faults confessing;
time that's lost may all retrieve;
may thy children,
ne'er again thy Spirit grieve.**

**Let thy father-hand be shielding
all who here shall meet no more;
may their seed-time past be yielding
year by year a richer store;
those returning,
make more faithful than before.**

Words: Henry James Buckoll, 1843