

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home

Sunday 20th March 2022

Lent 3, Year C
9am Traditional worship
Baptismal Anniversaries (January – March)

HYMN: LH125 COME GRACIOUS SPIRIT

<https://youtu.be/bPnNGMD-dSo>

**Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.**

**The light of truth to us display
And make us know and choose your way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may not depart.**

**Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.**

**Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fullness of joy forever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him forever blest.**

*Simon Browne
1880-1732 alt.*

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)

Holy and merciful God,
we thank you for giving your Son Jesus
to die on the cross for us sinners.
Turn us away from our sins
and back to a life of trust in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Luke 15:11 – 24
“The shocking behaviour of God”
*Parables of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel:
the 2 lost sons*

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (JANUARY – MARCH)

Including Song: May Jesus bless you! (sung twice)

May Jesus bless you!
May Jesus bless you!
May He guide you and keep you.
May Jesus bless you!

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING

[Isaiah 55:1 – 9](#)

SECOND READING

[1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13](#)

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN RESPONSE

**Christ humbled himself
and became obedient to death;
even death on a cross**

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel is written in [Luke 15:11 – 32](#)

(after the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

CHILDRENS MESSAGE “Our wonderful Father in heaven”

- * It's not Father's Day, today, is it!?
Do you like doing things with your dad?
I know that you probably like doing lots of things with your mum, but today I want to talk about dads.... So do you like doing things with your dad?
- * What do you like doing with your dad?
Playing cricket, walking, playing with a ball
- * Do you think that your dad likes playing with you?
- * Does your dad read to you? When?
At bedtime, on the weekend...

- * Some dads are very good dads.... Some are not so good at being a dad to their children (*cf. my experience with my dad, and as a dad with our boys*).

But no matter what, we have a dad with really loves heaps! Who am I talking about? (*point upwards*)
Yes, God, *our Father in heaven*.

- * Jesus told a story about good, good father who loved his son, even when his son wanted nothing to do with him. It's called the story of "the Lost Son". And behind the father in this story, Jesus wants us to see a picture of God *Let's watch and listen to it being told from The Beginner's Bible.*

<https://youtu.be/h5foyGLdyGM>

- * Who is like the father in this story?
God (point upwards).

- * No matter what we do, or where we go, we can know that God loves us!!
Like the father in Jesus' story, and like a Chooky loves her chickies....

Colin Buchanan has a song which reminds us of this, and which reminds us of how much God loves us. You can watch it at:

<https://youtu.be/m7lvi9hxg8M?t=21>

Note: If you want the words, then click on the cc button.

CHILDRENS SONG

"The Chooky And Her Chickies"
by Colin Buchanan

Chorus:

**God loves His children
like the chooky loves her chickies
The mother hen will gather them
underneath her wing...**

And she goes:

Buck, buck, buck (*hands*),
Buck, buck, buck (*tail*),
Buck, buck, buck, buck, buck (*wings*),
Buk-air (*loud*).

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 thence 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**

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: TIS209 AND CAN IT BE

<https://youtu.be/dC8HSEKtuio>

**And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be,
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**He left His Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite His grace!)
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.**

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.*

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

*My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

***Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.***

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.
Published by Thomas Campbell (fl. 19th century)
In his "Bouquet", 1825*

MESSAGE

Luke 15:11 – 24

"The shocking behaviour of God"

Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the 2 lost sons

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

HYMN: LH330 ROCK OF AGES

https://youtu.be/gM7gt_cSxjw

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement-throne:
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778)

Music: R Redhead 1820-1901 (1853)

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 prophet tells us to 'Seek the Lord while he may be found' and to 'call upon him while he is near'. Let us come before God through Jesus Christ our Lord to pray for the church, the world, and those in need.

The regular response, OR:

Faithful God,
hear our prayer.

Suggestions for prayer

- * for the church, that it may continue to work as God's gardener in the world
- * for all who will be baptised or confirmed at Easter
- * for those who hunger and thirst, that they may be satisfied
- * for those who are caught in the trap of sexual immorality, that they may hear the good news and repent
- * for those who are wealthy, that they may be saved from the sin of idolatry
- * for those who rely on their own strength, that they may seek the grace of God, lest they stumble and fall
- * for those undergoing severe suffering and trial, that they may not be tested beyond their strength

Concluding prayer

Heavenly Father, you have led us through the water of baptism and fed us with the spiritual food and drink. Hear our prayers and enable us to stand firm on the rock of Christ Jesus your Son, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER. (all)

**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: LHS870 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNES

<https://youtu.be/LCBjxVP6GWE>

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labours and give us we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

*Words: Jan Struther (1901-53)
Music: Traditional Irish Melody*