



# DIVINE SERVICE



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*24<sup>th</sup> May, 2020*

## Service Order

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**John 17 – Jesus prays for the disciples**

LOCKYER VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH  
LAIDLEY, ROPELEY, LOCKROSE AND TABEL MINISTRY AREA

## OPENING SENTENCE

P. This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, Alleluia,  
**C. and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Alleluia!** (*John 17:3 NRSV*)

## INVOCATION

P. We gather in the name into which we were baptised.

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

## SONG

Hymn 195 A mighty Fortress

1/4

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon,  
Our faithful helper in all need,  
Our stay, whate'er may happen.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

2/4

With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our fall effected;  
but for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected  
Ask ye: Who is this?  
Christ Jesus it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field for ever.

3/4

Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none;  
He's judged, for e'er undone;  
One little word can fell him.

4/4

The Word shall stand despite all foes-  
No thanks they for it merit-  
For God is with us and bestows  
His gifts and Holy Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child and wife:  
Though these all be gone.  
Yet have our foes not won;  
The kingdom our remaineth.

## WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

P. Friends in Christ: Jesus prayed to the Father, saying "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word." God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Lord God, our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against you, not only in my words and actions but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand. but which you know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased you and repent of all my evil. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.**

## FORGIVENESS of sins

P. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, He loves us, and has given His Only Son to die for us, in order to pardon our sins. So, by the mercy and grace of God, and the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and the Son<sup>†</sup> and of the Holy Spirit.  
Peace be with you.

C: **Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you!

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

### ♪SONG OF PRAISE

LH 861 Let all things now living

1/2

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2/2

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
'To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!'  
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### GREETING

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray for the unity of the Holy Spirit:

**C: Holy Father, your Son prayed for his disciples that they would be one, as you and he are one. Keep your whole church harmoniously together in faith and love, united by the one Spirit. 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.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

*After the reading:*

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 68:1-10,32-35

1. May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;  
**may his foes flee before him.**
2. May you blow them away like smoke—  
**as wax melts before the fire,  
may the wicked perish before God.**
3. But may the righteous be glad  
**and rejoice before God;  
may they be happy and joyful.**
4. Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
**extol him who rides on the clouds;  
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.**
5. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
**is God in his holy dwelling.**
6. God sets the lonely in families,  
**he leads out the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**
7. When you, God, went out before your people,  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**
8. the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,  
**before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.**
9. You gave abundant showers, O God;  
**you refreshed your weary inheritance.**
10. Your people settled in it,  
**and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.**
32. Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,  
**sing praise to the Lord,**
33. to him who rides across the highest heavens,  
**the ancient heavens,  
who thunders with mighty voice.**
34. Proclaim the power of God,  
**whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.**
35. You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;  
**the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.  
Praise be to God!**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forevermore. Amen**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
Suffering as a Christian

*After the reading:*

L. This is the word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**C. Alleluia**

L. Jesus prayed, "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**C. Alleluia**

## GOSPEL READING

John 17: 1-11

Jesus prays for his disciples in the world

## AFTER THE GOSPEL READING

R: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise be to you, O Christ, glorified with the Father forever.**

## GOSPEL PRAYER

R. Lord Jesus, thank you for making the Father known to us. May we and all believers be one, as you and the Father are one.

**C. Amen.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

LHS 861 All those who live beneath God's care

### Chorus

*If God is on our side,  
God is on our side,  
Who can be against us?*

1/5.

All those who live beneath God's shade,  
protected by his care,  
will know their fortress is the Lord,  
for they'll find shelter there.

3/5.

Though thousands fall around your side,  
to you no harm comes near;  
the Lord himself will be your tent,  
and you need have no fear.

2/5

For God will cover with his wings  
and keep all harm away;  
you will not have the fears of night,  
Nor dangers during day.

4/5

For he will give his angels charge  
to guard you in your way,  
and savage beasts will have no power,  
The serpent you will slay:

5/5.

Yes, God has shown his love to us,  
and rescued us from sin:  
so when we call to him for help,  
he'll keep us safe with him:

SERMON:

## We are living in a realized eternity

John 17:1-11

Grace and peace to you from our Father through the resurrected Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The sermon today is continuously based on the Farewell Speech when Jesus addressed to his disciples at the evening of Maundy Thursday. But this part of his addressing is the conclusion of his farewell speech and the audience is the Heavenly Father, plus all the disciples surround him.

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus spoke to the disciples, saying "I will not leave you orphaned, I am coming to you (v.18)." and he promised to ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit as another Advocate to live with the disciples forever. This is referring to the coming of the Holy Spirit on next Sunday the Pentecost Day. And Jesus further promise that he will come with the Holy Spirit and with the Father to make their home with those who love him and keep his commandments. It points to the Holy Trinity Sunday which we will celebrate in two weeks' time. This Sunday is the last Sunday of Easter. According to Church tradition, as we heard the story in the First reading today, Jesus was already ascended into heaven on last Thursday, the 40th days of his resurrection. What does Jesus reveal in his conclusion of the Farewell Speech? What is the amazing love he shows to the first disciples and to all the believers thereafter? We will unpack the Scripture and taste the goodness of God's grace.

Let us pray: Lord God, sanctify us in truth, your Word is the truth. Amen.

What is the most memorable word for you from last week's Gospel? Orphan! If you let me to guess. Jesus promised his disciples not to leave them as orphans. But how can he meet his promise? He has foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit. Yet, before the Holy Spirit's coming, and after Jesus' ascension to the Heavens, who will look after the lonely disciples? It was God the Father who listened to the Son's prayer and took the role as the guardian and protector of the disciples. That is all about today's Bible readings, especially in Psalm 68, it declares that God is the "Father of orphans. (v.5)"

In the Second reading today, St Peter exhorts the Elders of the church and all the Christians, saying “Cast all your anxiety on God, because he cares for you. (5:7)” What Jesus did in this very last evening and very last speech in his earthly life is exactly what Peter suggested. He prayed to God the Father, to lay down his care and concern about the wellbeing of the disciples to the Father, saying “Holy Father, protect them in your name.(John 17:11)”

Like a man, before he died, entrusting an orphan to another trustworthy friend or relative, Jesus, in his last evening before he died, entrusted his followers to his Heavenly Father. That is the scenario of today’s Gospel reading- a picture of entrusting, a vivid picture of God’s love flowed in between the Father and the Son, and from God to us, who belong to the Father and Son. There are two parts of the picture.

Part one, Jesus confirmed with God the Father the coming of the accomplishment of his earthly mission. He said, “Father, the hour has come.” What hour he meant? The hour of his death on the Cross; the hour of his sacrifice as the Lamb of God; the hour of God’s promise at the Garden of Eden to save human race; the hour of God’s glory being magnified, not through the mighty conquering over all the kingdom in the world but through the most brutal, injustice, shamed and painful human death.

This is the death of the flesh of the Word who once shared the glory with the Creator of the universe “before the world existed. (v.5)” This is the death of whom the authority of giving eternal life has been given. This is the death which brings the glory to both the Father and the Son. This is the death that contains eternal life which is as simple and plain as knowing the Father the only true God and the Son Jesus Christ whom the Father have sent. What an amazing gift we have already received! We all have received eternal life because we all confess as our faith what Jesus described.

Now let me to read the whole paragraph again to consolidate the picture in your mind: “Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.(vv.1-5)” That is the part one of the entrusting picture.

Now we look at Part two. After the affirmation of mission about to be accomplished, Jesus started to entrust his followers to God the Father. How did he do that? He firstly made a very clear statement that the disciples belong to the Father; and they have certain knowledge of the Father and the Son as well as some change of life; and they are the handcraft of the Son who will not leave them as orphans. Therefore, he would entrust them to the Father and ask him to look after them after he died.

Let me to read this Part two again. Jesus prayed: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

So many important and precious information inside this sincere and fervent prayer. Someone call it High Priestly Prayer. Every sentence has tremendous meaning. But we focus on the Son's entrusting to the Father. Then we can see the truth of Grace Alone: God gave us faith and sanctified us from the world, and teach us the knowledge of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; and keep us safe in the glory of God shining on the Cross, and make us One under one Lord, one faith and one baptism.

We are never left orphaned, rather, in Christ we are granted eternal life already. That is the realized eternity of living with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### 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 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.

### OFFERING SONG

LH 84 There is a green hill

1/5  
There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

2/5  
We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains He had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

3/5

He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good;  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by His precious blood.

4/5

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.

5/5

O dearly, dearly has He loved,  
And we must love Him too,  
And trust in His redeeming blood,  
And try His works to do.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: God of comfort, your Son prayer for his followers in the world, that they might be one. Use us and what you have given us to serve you and one another.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you rule the world with righteousness: hear our prayers for the peoples of all nations. Grant wisdom and integrity to all who govern, mercy and judgement to those who administer the law. Teach your people how to live in harmony, and fill us with your truth, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you make known to us the true and living God: hear our prayers for your holy, catholic church. Grant humility and vision to all who lead your church, fellowship to all who eat at your table. Unite Christians everywhere in the bond of your love, and fill us with your power, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you welcome the outcast and provide for the needy: hear our prayers for all with whom we share our lives. Grant acceptance to all who are unwanted or unloved, care to the neglected and a voice to those who are never heard. Teach your people to live in true community, and fill us with your love, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you heal the sick and look with compassion on those who are in need: hear our prayers for all who suffer. Grant hope to those in despair, consolation to those who grieve, relief to those in pain, and strength and

patience to those who care for them. Teach your people to share each other's sorrows, and fill us with your compassion, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you call us to eternal glory: hear our prayers for all who have died in the faith. Grant to your faithful people of every age a share in your eternal kingdom. Fill us with your righteousness, that we may be your witnesses in all the world, and, when our work on earth is done, with all your saints may we enter eternal life and receive the crown of glory.

Jesus Christ ascended and glorified, **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you have brought the good news to us through the Holy Spirit. Move us, by the same Spirit, to bring the good news to those with whom we live. We ask this in the Holy name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Rite of commemorating of the Holy Communion**

#### **THE CALL TO PRAISE**

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts...

#### **♪ WE LIFT OUR HEARTS**

1/4

We lift our hearts with joy,  
We lift them to the Lord.  
We give you thanks, our God,  
For that is right and good.

2/4

Yes, it is truly good,  
Our duty and delight,  
That we should everywhere  
And at all times give thanks.

3/4

And so we thank You now,  
Our holy Father, Lord,  
Eternal, mighty God,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4/4

With all the angels, then,  
with saints throughout all time,  
We praise Your wondrous name,  
Adore you evermore.

#### **♪ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
You fill all of heaven and earth save us, God on high!  
Let us praise the One who comes in the name of God.  
Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise!

Praise to You on high!

## PRAYER

P. Gracious Father, we remember the sacrifice of our Lord in our faith, as we remember His body and blood with bread and wine. We rejoice that we have received all He has done for us in his life and death, His resurrection and ascension; and we wait for His coming again to share with us the heavenly feast which will last forever and never can be stopped.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we who once have received the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

**C. 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

## PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:AMEN**

P. Let us praise the Lamb of God:

## LAMB OF GOD

1/3	2/3	3/3
Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away our sin: Have mercy on us, Lord.	Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away our sin: Have mercy on us, Lord.	Jesus, Lamb of God You take away our sin: Give us your peace. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION SONG AT 172 May we be one

1/4  
May we be one,  
Bound in love for ever,  
Growing close together day by day;  
Growing as God fills us with His Life;  
We are joined in Him,  
He makes us one.

2/4  
May we be one  
As our Father planned it.  
May the love of Jesus make us strong,  
No one can harm us when He is near;  
He has brought us peace,  
He makes us one.

3/4

May we be one –  
Jesus' truth to bind us.  
With His body He unites us all;  
Dying our death, He restores our life;  
Living with us now, He makes us one.

4/4

May we be one,  
Sharing life together  
with the Father and His only Son.  
Now we have life in this world of death;  
Heaven has begun, he makes us one.  
Heaven has begun, he makes us one.

### SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood once strengthened and preserved you in body and soul will keep you in faith today unto life eternal.  
Go† in peace.

**C: Amen**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Holy Father, your Son prayed for his disciples that they would be one, as you and he are one. As we meditate on the sharing one bread, and drinking from one cup with our fellow Christians, keep your whole church harmoniously together in faith and love, united by the one Spirit. 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.

### BLESSING

P. May the God of peace,  
who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
provide you with every good thing you need  
in order to do his will;

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.

C: Amen

### FINAL SONG

LH 229 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

1/5

Revive Thy work, O Lord:  
Thy mighty arm make bare;  
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,  
And make Thy people hear.

2/5

Revive Thy work, O Lord:  
Disturb this sleep of death;  
Quicken the smouldering embers now  
By Thine almighty breath.

3/5

Revive Thy work, O Lord:  
Create soul-thirst for Thee;  
And hungering for the bread of life  
O may our spirits be.

4/5

Revive Thy work, O Lord:  
exalt Thy precious name;  
And by the Holy Ghost our love  
For Thee and Thine inflame.

5/5

Revive Thy work, O Lord:  
Give pentecostal showers;  
The glory shall be all Thine own,  
The blessing, Lord, be ours.

### DISMISSAL

L. Go in peace. Cast all your anxiety on God, because he cares for you.

**C. In the name of Christ. AMEN**

### ANNOUCEMENTS

1. Pentecost Sunday Online Service with Holy Communion will be held at Laidley church.
2. Trinity Sunday Online Service with Holy Communion is scheduled to be held at Lockrose church.
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Pentecost Online Service with Holy Communion is scheduled to be held at Ropeley church.
4. 12<sup>th</sup> July is our date aiming at resuming our normal public worship.
5. No pre-recorded Online Service will be provided After 5<sup>th</sup> July.
6. Live-streaming or other form of Online or electronic Service is under planning, subject to the resources available.
7. All fellowship groups if less than 10 people are considering resuming now.
8. Should you any testimony about God's grace during your self-isolation please tell the Elders or Pastor Jing.
9. Should you have suggestion to the church regarding future congregational life and worship, please write or speak to the Elders or Pastor Jing.
10. Volunteers are still needed for helping future church activities.

### Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diete, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman, Pastor Noel Noack.

### Baptism Anniversary

During May we remember the following child on the anniversary of their Baptism in our prayer: Saxon LENDRUM, son of Josephine and Shane, and brother to Savannah

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## **NEXT SUNDAY** (31<sup>st</sup> May 2020)

### Pentecost Sunday

Leading: Pastor Jing Luan

Musician: Daryl Kleidon

Reader: David Klinge

Text:

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Psalm: Psalm 104: 25-35,37 God the Creator and Provider

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 The gifts of the Spirit

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39 Rivers of Living Water

Your offering is part of your Worship  
and is presented to God through the prayer

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