

Order of Service for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th September 2025

Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving and Praise commencing on page **476** ANZPB/HKMOA

We stand

Opening Hymn: Praise with joy the world's Creator

TiS#179 - Words: John Bell & Graham Maule © Wild Goose Publications Tune: Lauda Anima / Praise my soul

- 1 Praise with joy the world's Creator,
 God of justice, love and peace,
 source and end of human knowledge,
 force of greatness without cease.
 Celebrate the Maker's glory power to rescue and release.
- Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost, heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ's constant presence friend and stranger, guest and host.
- Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride, forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.

 Celebrate the Spirit's treasure foolishness none dare deride. →

4 Praise the Maker, Son, and Spirit, one God in community, calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity. Thus the world shall yet believe, when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The Gathering

Page 476: E te whānau a te Karaiti ...

Page 477: Praise and glory ...

Song of Praise

Page 478: Christ is the good shepherd ...

We sit or kneel

Forgiveness

Page 478-479: We come seeking forgiveness ...

Sentence: I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God

over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10

Collect: Loving God,

in Jesus you gather us into your family -

confidently we call you Father;

may your Spirit bring us to share

the glorious liberty of your children. Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51: 1-10 (ANZPB)

- 1 Have mercy on me O God in your great kindness: in the fulness of your mercy blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash away all my guilt: and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is always before me.
- Against you only have I sinned and done evil in your sight: so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judging.
- 5 Evil have I been from my birth: sinner I am from the time of my conception.
- 6 But you desire truth in our inward being: therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Take hyssop, sprinkle me with water and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness: that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn away your face from my sins: and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Reading: 1 **Timothy 1: 12-17**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: My Shepherd, you supply my need

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006 #782 Voices Together #640 - Words: Isaac Watt

Alt. tune: ST COLUMBA

1 My Shepherd, you supply my need, most holy is your name; in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.

2 You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways; you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

3 When through the shades of death
I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.

4 Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with Blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

5 Your sure provisions gracious God attend me all my days; oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

6 Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,

chapter fifteen, beginning at the first verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

We stand

Page 481: You, O God, are supreme and holy ...

The Prayers of the People

(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

God of mercy:

Hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence, we pray for our own needs ...

Silence

God our hope,
may your blessing empower
our thanksgivings and our prayer;
for we put our trust in you the living God,
risking disappointment, risking failure,
working and waiting expectantly.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

Page 485 Blessed be Christ ...

We may share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us by shaking hands (or an appropriate alternative) and/or by saying "Peace be with you". As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story

SG#43 - Words: Francis Rowley © HarperCollins - Tune: **HYFRYDOL**

of the Christ who died for me, how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.

Refrain: Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

- I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way. [Refrain]
- I was faint and fears possessed me,
 I was bruised from many a fall,
 hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
 but his love has pardoned all. [Refrain]
- 4 Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I often tread; but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led. [Refrain]
- 5 He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet: then he'll bear me safely over, saved by grace and made complete. [Refrain]

We remain standing for The Great Thanksgiving Prayer, but sit if needed.

The Great Thanksgiving

Page 485: Christ is risen! ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 488: Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 489: Haere mai ... / Come God's people ...

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

Page **490**: Blessed be God ...

The Blessing The peace of God which passes all understanding

keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus ...

and the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

We share any notices, news, or celebrations

Closing Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

SG44 - Words: W C Smith / © Jubilate Hymns - Tune: **ST DENIO** (Welsh Traditional) [CP474]

- Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes; most holy, most glorious, the ancient of days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting nor wasting, you rule us in might; your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

- To all you are giving, to both great and small, in all you are living, the true life of all: we blossom and flourish, uncertain and frail; we wither and perish, but you never fail.
- We worship before you, great Father of light, while angels adore you, all veiling their sight; our praises we render, O Father, to you whom only the splendour of light hides from view.

The Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Following the service, all are welcome to share morning tea which will be served in the 'Hospitality Corner' on the southern side of the church.

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