

# The Order of Service for Home Worship



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Hymn: Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him”

1. Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him!  
Praise him angels in the height;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Praise him all ye stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws, which never can be broken,  
For their guidance he hath made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious:  
Never shall his promise fail.  
God hath made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation,  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
Heav'n and earth and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name!
3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to thy name;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
Join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heaven adore thee,  
We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you show us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us into life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;**

**Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;**

**Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

**Collect:**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Jeremiah**

**28. 5-9**

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 89. 1-4, 15-18**

**Response: I will sing for ever of your steadfast love, O Lord.**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations  
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. (R)

You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

"I will establish your descendants for ever,  
and build your throne for all generations." (R)

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;  
they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness. (R)

For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favour our horn is exalted.  
For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel. (R)

**A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

**6. 12-23**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and

enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** "Speak to us, O Lord, You have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew**

**10. 40-42**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Meditation**

Today we come to the end of the passage in Matthew's Gospel where we see Jesus commission and send out his disciples. He has warned them of the opposition they will face, even from family members, and has called on them to remain faithful to him and all that he has taught them. Jesus brings his commissioning of his disciples with a positive message as he sends them out. Jesus reminds his disciples of the reward for them and for those who will come to believe through their words. Jesus reminds the disciples of the core of their mission. They are called to make the name of God known throughout the land. There were so many people in need of knowing the love of God. Those in authority who were enticed by the promises of earthly power and wealth, the poor buckling under the pressures of daily living, the sick, those enchained by their own fears and anxieties, those living with the burden of guilt for past actions. So many people who had lost sight of God and who needed to know the love of God for them. So many who needed the sense of belonging which comes from knowing that they were precious to God, his children, Doesn't this all sound so familiar to us living today? The world of Jesus, it seems, is not so different from our own world. Today too many people put themselves, rather than God, at the centre of their lives. Too many aspire to earthly riches and power, too many are buckling under the

pressures of daily living, too many are enchained by sickness, fear or anxiety. The world is still in need of God's loving, the burden of so many could be lifted by knowing that they are precious children of God, loved by him. So many need to know that the Lord who died for them now walks alongside them, sharing their sufferings and joys. In the Gospel reading Jesus sends out his disciples, today he sends us. His promise to us and the Good News that we are called to bring to others is that to all who welcome us in his name will receive the reward that come from knowing him and sharing his life; the sense of being loved and the hope only Jesus can give, the strength to face whatever comes our way on our journey to eternal life, the sense of belonging and purpose in life we all need if we are to flourish and at the end of our journey a place with him for all time in the glory of heaven. Amen.

#### **Intercessions:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; May the Church be faithful to its calling of bringing the Good News of Christ to all the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression among them the people of the Ukraine and the Yemen, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; May the leaders of the nations be led by the Spirit to bring peace and hope where there is conflict and despair.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we bring the love of God to all in need among whom we live.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession books; relieve them according to their need, strengthen them with your Holy Spirit and console them with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; welcome them and all the departed into the eternal joy and peace of your heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Peace:**

Blessed are those who make peace; they shall be called God's children. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

**And also with you.**

#### **Let us pray:**

**God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water; refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **The Blessing:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn: Take my life, and let it be**

- 1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be**
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 5. Take my will, and make it thine:  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart: it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.**