

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Mass

28 September 2025



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Lutheran Church of St Andrew the Apostle

Wickham Terrace Brisbane

We acknowledge that our loving Creator God first gave the land on which we are placed, to the peoples of the First Nations who have walked and cared for this land since before recorded time. We thank God for the land's Traditional Custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

The congregation stands as the minister approaches the altar.

M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION

M Dear friends in Christ. Let us confess our sins to God and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

A brief silence for reflection and self-examination is kept.

We confess **that we are born in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

M As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. **Amen.**

HYMN TIS 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The congregation sits.

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor, wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart—
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5 All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walker Chalmers Smith
1824-908 alt.

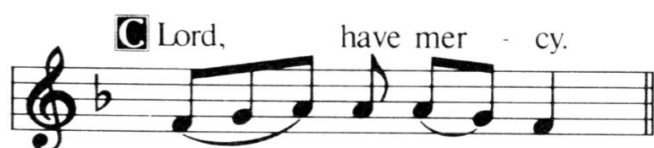
KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

The congregation stands.

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



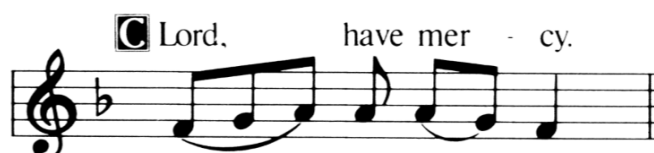
M For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



M For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The hymn of praise is sung.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

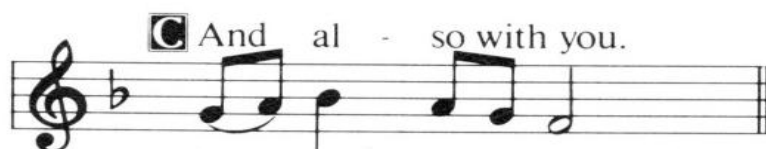
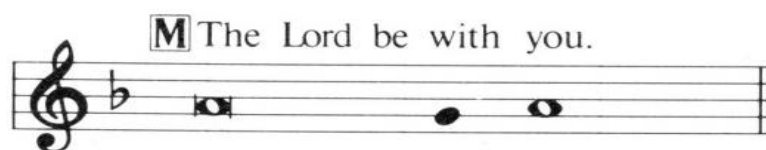
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



M Let us pray...

Almighty and merciful God, shield us from what will harm us that we may be free to be faithful to the end. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation sits.

FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

The cantor chants the psalm, and the congregation joins in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 146

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1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life ' long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes: in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they re turn to the earth: on that very day their plans perish.

ANTIPHON

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob: whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them: who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed: who gives food to the ' hungry.

ANTIPHON

The Lord sets the prisoners free: 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down: the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers:

he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

ANTIPHON

10 The Lord will reign forever: your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Pastoral advice to Timothy

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (HYMN OF THE DAY) TIS 153 God is love, let heaven adore him

The congregation sits

1 God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
and who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal Love.

2 God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3 God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1907-91

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus

The congregation stands.

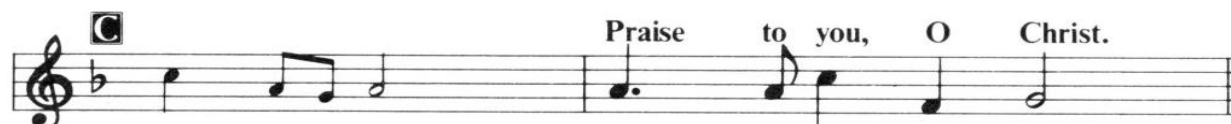


The minister announces the Gospel.



After the Gospel:

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The congregation stands for the apostolic greeting, then sits for the sermon.

After the sermon the minister says the apostolic blessing:

M The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

THE 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The congregation sits.

M Let us pray...

M in your mercy (*or similar*),

C hear our prayer.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 560 (Tune1) All my hope on God is Founded
The congregation sits.

1 All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

OFFERTORY

The congregation stands as the Offering is brought forward.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

CALL TO THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS

The congregation stands.

The Lord be with you.
And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this day he overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you.

And so, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name and join their unending hymn:



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M All praise and thanks be to you, eternal God, holy Father, together with your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things. We thank you for calling and rescuing your chosen people. Above all we thank and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old and sending your Son Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection for our salvation we remember as he comes to us in this holy meal.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M Send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

M Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



LORD'S PRAYER

M As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say:

**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.**

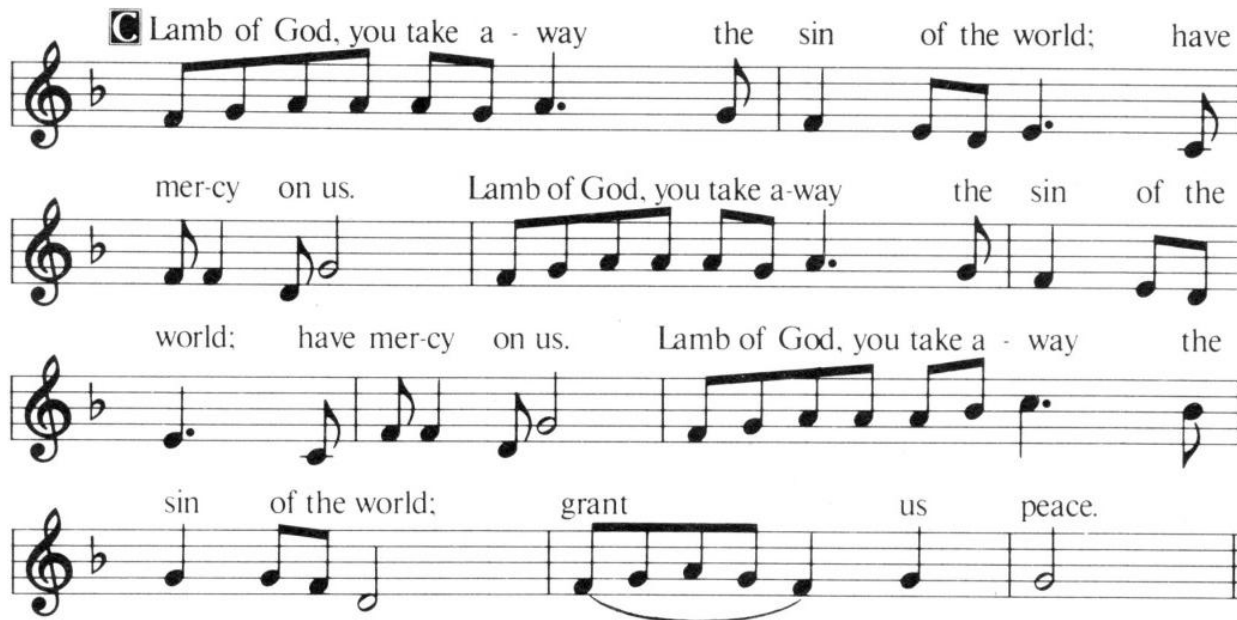
PEACE

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Worshippers are invited to pass the peace with those around them.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

Christ invites us to his table. All baptised Christians who believe they receive Jesus's body and blood for their forgiveness and good are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

*Receive the bread, the Body of Christ, in your open hands. Then, proceed to receive the wine from either the common cup or an individual cup. You may say **Amen** in response to the words spoken.*

*The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***

*The Blood of Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. **Amen.***

*All wafers except the large one are **low-gluten.***

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands in front of your chest, and a word of blessing will be offered.

DISMISSAL

The congregation stands.

M May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION SONG

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ery-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

M Let us pray.

O Lord, in this simple meal you have satisfied our ancient need. Bless as well the daily bread you give for us to share, that those you bring within our reach may through refreshment have a sign of your grace. You are the Lord now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION (BLESSING)

M 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.

☐ A - men.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation sits as the chair of the congregation shares the announcements.

FINAL HYMN

TIS 108 You holy angels bright

The congregation sits.

1 You holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high will seem
for mortal tongue.

3 You saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as you go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

5 My soul, take now your part:
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing out the songs of love;
and all my days
let no distress
not fears suppress
his joyful praise.

2 You blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
you now delight
to see him crowned.

4 All nations of the earth,
extol the world's great King:
with melody and mirth
God's glorious praises sing.
In him rejoice,
and there proclaim
his holy name
with sounding voice.

Richard Baxter 1615-91
and John Hampden Gurney 1802-62
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DISMISSAL

M Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Liturgy and worship sources:

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We are pleased you worshipped with us today. If you would like someone to contact you later, or if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please talk to one of the pastors or ushers.

Please join us for a fellowship and morning tea! Please gather downstairs after we leave the church.

Candles are available should you wish to use the candle bowl in memory of a loved one.

The toilets are downstairs. During the service, you can access them through the door left to the pulpit (and down the steps)

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