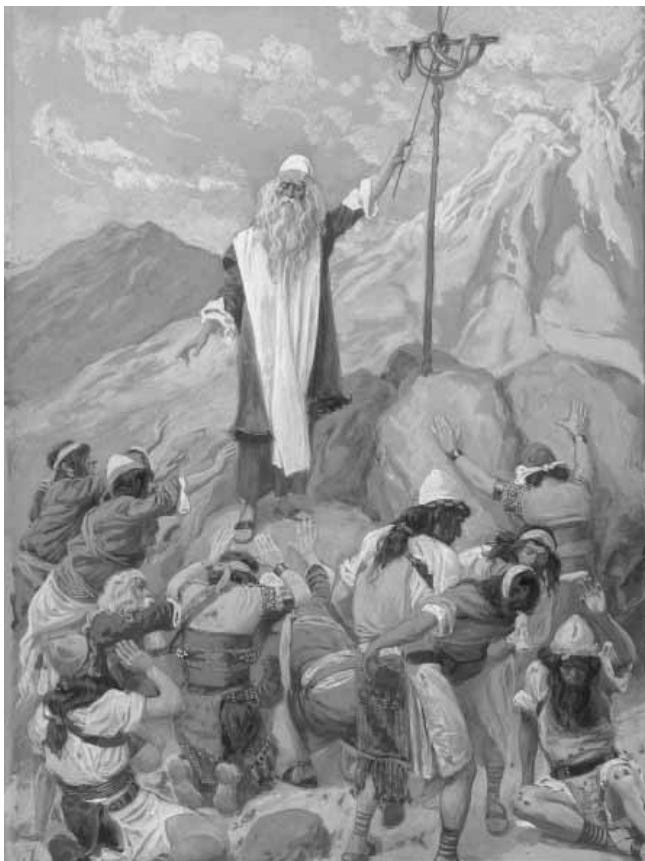


Brighton Lutheran Mission



Rogate Sunday
6th Sunday of Easter
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Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

May God bless you richly as we gather together to receive His gifts.

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Holy Communion — A note to visitors

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. *We are not condemning anyone with this practice*; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

If you are not communing with us today, please do come forward for a blessing.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1. Bless-ed Je - sus, at your word
2. All our know-ledge, sense and sight
3. Glor-ious Lord, your - self im - part,
4. Fa-ther, Son and Spir-it, Lord,



we are gath-ered all to hear you;
lie in deep - est darkness shrouded,
light of light, from God pro - ceed-ing,
Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion!



let our minds and wills be stirred
till your Spir - it breaks our night
o - pen now each mind and heart;
Grant that we may trust Your Word,



now to love you and re - vere you;
with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed;
help us by the Spir-it's plead-ing.
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion,



by your teachings true and ho - ly
you a - lone to God can win us;
Hear the cry your church now rais-es;
While we here be - low must wander,



drawn from earth to love you sole-ly.
you must work all good with-in us.
Lord, ac - cept our prayers and praises.
Till we sing Your prais - es yon-der.

Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Ninth Commandment

C You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

P The Tenth Commandment

C You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbour's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

P What does God say about all these commandments?

C He says, "I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

P What does this mean?

C God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Introit (Ps 66:1, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20)

A With a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!
Alleluia.

C Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;

I cried to him with my mouth,

and high praise was on my tongue.

But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;*

as it was in the beginning,

is now and will be forever. Amen.

A With a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!
Alleluia.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Readings

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptised For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Old Testament reading—Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Psalmody



1. O bless the Lord, my soul; Let
2. O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
3. 'Tis he for-gives your sins, 'Tis
4. He crowns your life with love, When



all with - in me join, And
let his mer - cies lie For -
he re - lieves your pain, 'Tis
ran - somed from the grave; He



aid my tongue to bless his name, Whose
got-ten in un-thank-ful-ness, And
he that heals your sick-ness-es, And
that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath



fa - vours are di - vine.
with - out prais - es die.
makes you young a - gain.
sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest;
The Lord has judgements for the proud,
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known;
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his beloved Son.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Epistle reading—James 1:22–27

²² Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Alleluia and Verse (Liturgical text; John 16:28)

C Alleluia! Christ who has redeemed us with His blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia!

I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading—John 16:23–30

P The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory be to You, O Lord.

²³ [Jesus said,] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to You, O Christ

The Nicene Creed

Hymn: Our Father, Who from Heav'n Above



1. Our Fath-er, who from heav'n a -
2. Your name be hal - lowed. Help us,
3. Your king-dom come. Guard Your do -
4. Your gra-cious will on earth be



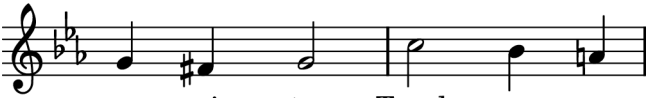
bove Bids all of us to live in love
Lord, In pu-ri - ty to keep Your Word,
main And Your e - ter-nal right-eous reign.
done As it is done be - fore Your throne,



As mem-bers of one fa - mi -
That to the glo - ry of Your
The Ho - ly Ghost enr - ich our
That pa - tient - ly we may o -



ly And pray to You in
name We walk be - fore You
day With gifts at - tend - ant
bey Through - out our lives all



u - ni - ty, Teach us no
free from blame. Let no false
on our way. Break Sa - tan's
that You say. Curb flesh and



thought-less words to say But
teach - ing us per - vert; All
pow'r, de - feat his rage; Pre -
blood and ev' - ry ill That



from our in - most hearts to pray.
poor de - lud - ed souls con-vert.
serve Your Church from age to age.
sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5. Give us this day our daily bread
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may life,
To care and greed no entrance give.

6. Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We too will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.
7. Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
8. From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.
9. Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You that we
May doubt not, but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"
Martin Luther (1483–1544)

Sermon

The Offertory

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised



1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My
2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My
3. The Lord, my God, be praised, My
4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My



Light, my Life from hea - ven;
Trust, my Life from hea - ven,
Hope, my Life from hea - ven,
God, who ev - er liv - eth,



My Mak - er, who to me Hath
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose
The Spi - rit, whom the Son In
To whom the heaven - ly host All



soul and bo - dy gi - ven;
life for me was giv - en;
love to me hath giv - en.
praise and ho - nour gi - veth.



My Fa - ther, who doth shield And
Who for my sin a - toned With
'Tis He re - vives my heart, 'Tis
The Lord, my God, be praised, In



keep me day by day, Doth
His most pre - cious blood, Who
He that gives me power, Help,
whose great name I boast, God



make each mo - ment yield New
giv - eth me by faith The
com - fort, and sup - port In
Fa - ther, God the Son, And



bles - ings on my way.
high - est heaven - ly good.
sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God the Ho - ly Ghost.

IN OUR PRAYERS

ELCE

Cheltenham Lutheran Mission; Pr. Flor; Boor family (St. Andrew's); Van Fossan family; Sonja (Oxford Mission)

The Church of God

Holland Road Baptist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May & family; Japan Lutheran Church; Pr. Yousef Nadarkhani

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE LARGE CATECHISM PART III: THE LORD'S PRAYER

We should be more encouraged and moved to pray because God has also added a promise and declared that it shall surely be done for us as we pray. He says in Psalm 50:15, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you." And Christ says in the Gospel of St. Matthew, "Ask, and it will be given to you; ... for everyone who asks receives" (7:7-8). Such promises certainly ought to encourage and kindle our hearts to pray with pleasure and delight. For He testifies with His own Word that our prayer is heartily pleasing to Him. Furthermore, it shall certainly be heard and granted, in order that we may not despise it or think lightly of it and pray based on chance.

You can raise this point with Him and say, "Here I come, dear Father, and pray, not because of my own purpose or because of my own worthiness. But I pray because of Your commandment and promise, which cannot fail or deceive me." Whoever, therefore, does not believe this promise must note again that he outrages God like a person who thoroughly dishonours Him and accuses Him of falsehood.

Besides this, we should be moved and drawn to prayer. For in addition to this commandment and promise, God expects us and He Himself arranges the words and form of prayer for us. He places them on our lips for how and what we should pray [Psalm 51:15], so that we may see how heartily He pities us in our distress [Psalm 4:1], and we may never doubt that such prayer is pleasing to Him and shall certainly be answered. ²³ This <the Lord's Prayer> is a great advantage indeed over all other prayers that we might compose ourselves. For in our own prayers the conscience would ever be in doubt and say, "I have prayed, but who knows if it pleases Him or whether I have hit upon the right proportions and form?" Therefore, there is no nobler prayer to be found upon earth than the Lord's Prayer. We pray it daily [Matthew 6:11], because it has this excellent testimony, that God loves to hear it. We ought not to surrender this for all the riches of the world. paragraphs 19-22

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**God willing, the next service
will be held on
10 June 2012 at 4.30pm**