

# Abbotsford Anglican Church

St Andrew's

**Easter Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Service of The Lord's Supper Form 1A

Present only – Trevor, Rosemary, David, Karen,  
Sam and Diane

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Trevor

Welcome to church on this Easter Sunday morning. My name is the Rev Trevor Young and with me today are our musicians Sam, Rosemary and David and helping in the service are Diane Stella and Karen.

During the service the Lord's Supper will be celebrated by myself with those gathered with me. You are encouraged at home listening in to either feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving; or, if you have prepared already, to partake of a piece of bread and wine or grape juice in like manner.

We begin with listening into the word of God. To those who went to the tomb of Jesus the third day after he had died and witnessed what they saw and heard.

## AN OPENING BIBLE READING

John 20:1-18.

Diane

<sup>20.1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around

Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## THE WORD AND PRAYERS - Trevor

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**Alleluia!**

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary

Psalm 96:1,6

**SONG: Jesus Christ is risen to day**

Rosemary

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,  
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,  
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,  
our salvation have procured; alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

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The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

Let us pray....  
**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden,  
cleans the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength". This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**Lord have mercy on us, and write your commandments in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

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*Please stand*

Let's say what we believe in the words of the Nicene Creed. Together...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,**

**who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day**

**he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*catholic = literally "of the whole," universal, complete

**Bible Teaching – Trevor**

"Do not hold on".

(Sermon Series: Easter Comfort)

**SONG - Man of Sorrows - Rosemary**

Matt Crocker & Brooke Ligertwood

**Man of sorrows Lamb of God**

**By His own betrayed**

**The sin of man and wrath of God**

**Has been on Jesus laid**

**Silent as He stood accused**

**Beaten mocked and scorned**

**Bowing to the Father's will**

**He wore a crown of thorns**

**Oh the nails that tore His flesh**

**The sword that pierced His side**

**The tree that bore the innocent**

**Our Saviour crucified**

*Chorus*

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation**

**Where Your love poured out over me**

**Now my soul cries out Hallelujah**

**Praise and honour unto Thee  
Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree**

**Bridge**

**Now my debt is paid  
It is paid in full  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed**

**See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor**

**PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD - Karen**

**Prayers**

Prayers for our world, our community and our church – (page 36 Common Prayer or written prayers)

**THE LORD'S SUPPER - Trevor**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we who come to receive the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ can come only because of his great love for us. For, although we are completely undeserving of his love, yet in order to raise us from the darkness of death to everlasting life as God's sons and daughters, our Saviour Christ humbled himself to share our life and to die for us on the cross. In remembrance of his death, and as a pledge of his love, Jesus instituted this holy sacrament, which we are now to share.

But those who would eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord must examine themselves, and amend their lives. They must come with a repentant heart and steadfast faith. Above all,

they must give thanks to God for his love towards us in Christ Jesus.

You then who truly repent of your sins, and are reconciled with others, intending to lead a new life of joyful obedience to God, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to strengthen and sustain you. But first, let us make a humble confession of our sins to Almighty God.

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
you made all things,  
and you call everyone to account.  
With shame we confess  
the sins we have committed against you,  
in thought, word and deed.  
We rightly deserve your condemnation.  
We turn from our sins  
and are truly sorry for them;  
they are a burden we cannot bear.  
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father.  
For the sake of your Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all that is past.  
Enable us to serve and please you  
in newness of life,  
to your honour and glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who has promised to forgive the sins of all who turn to him with repentance and faith, have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins, strengthen you to do his will, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ.

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

*John 3:16*

We are the body of Christ  
**His Spirit is with us**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**

Lift up your hearts,

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**He is worthy of all praise.**

Always and everywhere,  
it is right for us to praise you, Lord,  
holy Father, mighty Creator and eternal God  
Therefore, with all those gathered around your  
throne in heaven, we proclaim your great and  
glorious name, in words of never-ending praise:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory to you, Lord most high.**

Let us pray.

*A short moment of silent reverence.*

Together...

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your many and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son  
Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

We thank you, our Father,  
that in your love and mercy  
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
to die on the cross for our salvation.  
By this offering of himself once and for all time  
Jesus made a full, perfect and sufficient  
sacrifice for the sins of the whole world  
and commanded us to continue a remembrance  
of his precious death until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father,  
and grant that we who receive these gifts  
of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to our Saviour's command,  
in remembrance of his suffering and death,  
may be partakers of his body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread  
and, when he had given thanks, he broke it,  
then gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take and eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way after the meal, Jesus took the  
cup and, when he had given thanks, he gave it  
to them, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant, which is  
poured out for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you  
drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Come let us eat and drink in remembrance that  
Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The minister and those with him partake in the  
church. Those at home listening in are  
encouraged to either partake of a piece of  
bread and wine or grape juice in your homes or  
to simply feed on him by faith with  
thanksgiving. Both are valid.*

Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.**

Almighty and ever living God,  
thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus  
Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your  
goodness and love, that we are members of his  
body, and heirs, through hope, of your eternal  
kingdom.

**Keep us faithful to your Son, and strengthen us by your Spirit to do the good works you have prepared for us to do for your honour and praise. Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY SONG – JERUSALEM**

Rosemary

### **Jerusalem**

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**See him in Jerusalem**

**Walking where the crowds are**

**Once these streets had sung to him**

**Now they cry for murder**

**Such a frail and lonely man**

**Holding up the heavy cross**

**See him walking in Jerusalem**

**On the road to save us**

**See him there upon the hill**

**Hear the scorn and laughter**

**Silent as a lamb he waits**

**Praying to the Father**

**See the king who made the sun**

**And the moon and shining stars**

**Let the soldiers hold and nail him down**

**So that he could save them**

**See him there upon the cross**

**Now no longer breathing**

**Dust that formed the watching crowds**

**Takes the blood of Jesus**

**Feel the earth is shaking now**

**See the veil is split in two**

**And he stood before the wrath of God**

**Shielding sinners with his blood**

**See the empty tomb today**

**Death could not contain him**

**Once the servant of the world**

**Now in victory reigning**

**Lift your voices to the one**

**Who is seated on the throne**

**See him in the new Jerusalem**

**Praise the one who saved us**

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**Who is seated on the throne**

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## **BIBLE READING**

John 20:19-20

Diane

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE - Trevor**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed!**

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