

Abbotsford Anglican Church

St Andrew's

Easter Sunday, 12th 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

^{20.1} 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. ² 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!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around

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

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

¹³ 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." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

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

¹⁷ 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.'"

¹⁸ 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.**

*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

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Tiarne Kleyn

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

Lift your voices to the one

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BIBLE READING

John 20:19-20

Diane

¹⁹ 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!” ²⁰ 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

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He is risen indeed!

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