

Abbotsford Anglican Church

St Andrews

Sunday, 24th May 2020

Lord's Supper Form 2B

Present: Karen, Diane, Sam, Rosemary, Young Lan, Stewart, Minette & Trevor (Social distancing practiced)

WELCOME - Karen

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night." *Psalms 92:1,2*

"Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." *Psalms 95:6,7*

Behold our God

Baird /Altrogge

**Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice**

Chorus

**Behold our God seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our king—nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?** *Chorus*

**Who has felt the nails upon his hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign** *Chorus*

**You will reign forever
(Let your glory fill the earth) x8**

Chorus x 2

© Sovereign Grace Worship, Sovereign Grace Praise

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME - Karen

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there be any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting".

Psalms 139:23,24

God calls us to live our lives to his glory. 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. But we fail to honour him as we should and to respond to his love for us. Recognising our guilt and trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins together.

Together...

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
we have gone our own way,
not loving you as we ought,
nor loving our neighbour as ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
We deserve your condemnation.
Father, forgive us.
Help us to live for your honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Merciful Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and trust in your Son. Deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD - Stewart

Gracious Father, we thank you for your holy Scriptures, their precepts, promises, directions, and light. In them may we learn of Christ. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 13 - Stewart

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and

can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres: ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

1 John 4:7-12 - Minette

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE CREED - Karen

In response to God's word, let us affirm with Christians across the ages our confidence in the God who has spoken.

**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.**

The Nicene Creed

SERMON – Trevor

"The desire to be loved"

(Sermon Series: What makes people tick?)

THE LORD'S SUPPER FORM 2B {Page 32 Common Prayer 2012} © Archbishop of Sydney's Liturgical Panel 2012. Reprinted with permission. Songs used by permission. CCL Licence No. 46049

Amazing Love

Graham Kendrick

**My Lord what love is this,
That pays so dearly,
That I, the guilty one, may go free?**

Chorus

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice!
The Son of God given for me.
My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.**

**And so they watched him die,
Despised, rejected.
But oh, the blood he shed flowed for me!** *Chorus*

**And now this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again!** *Chorus*
© 1989 Make Way Music

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD - Diane

Collect of the day

Let us pray that we may recognize the presence of Christ.

Father, help us to keep in mind that Christ our Saviour lives with you in glory, and promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sunday after Ascension page 218 AAPB

Prayers for our world, community and church follow according to pages 48-49 in Common Prayer.

(Response) ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION - Trevor

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'
Matthew 11:28-30

At the heart of the Christian life is active trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and his saving death for sin. In this symbolic meal, originating from Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we express and deepen our trust in him, as we eat and drink with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Lord's Supper is an outward and visible sign of the grace shown to us in Christ. As we share bread and wine together, we are invited to feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving; we are faced again with God's love for the unworthy and we are strengthened by faith in the one whose body was given and whose blood was shed for us.

Come then with heartfelt repentance and genuine trust in the Lord Jesus, realising the profound significance of sharing in this way.

**We do not presume to come to your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your boundless goodness and mercy.
We are not even worthy
to eat the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
always rich in mercy.
Enable us by faith to eat
the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may be cleansed from sin
and forever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE - Trevor

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

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION - Trevor

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.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created.

Therefore, with all those gathered around your throne in heaven, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We praise you especially for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive
praise and honour, and glory and power, for
ever and ever!**

We thank you Father, that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After the meal, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore Father, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who eat and drink them, believing our Saviour's word, may be partakers of his body and blood.

To Jesus Christ who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Karen

Lord and Heavenly Father,
in your loving kindness, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and your whole church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

With gratitude for all your mercies, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Karen

I Stand Amazed

**I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.**

Chorus

**How marvelous, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me**

**For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not my will but thine".
He had no tears for his own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.** *Chorus*

**In pity angels beheld him
And came from the world of light.
To comfort him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.** *Chorus*

**He took my sins and my sorrows;
He made them his very own.
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone.** *Chorus*

**When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see.
'Twill be my joy though the ages
To sing of his love for me.** *Chorus x 2*
Chris Tomlin | Public Domain

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Karen

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

**Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour, power and strength,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.