

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 28 April 2024

Lord's Supper Form 1B from Common Prayer

WELCOME – Trevor

(Service Leader welcomes people to church and introduces people involved in the service)

Welcome to church, especially if you are visiting today or listening in to the service via our website.

Helping me today are our musicians Fiona and Rosemary. Janice will read to us from the Bible and Rosemary will lead us in prayer.

During the service we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper / Holy Communion together. We will remember God's great love for us in Christ and the love we ought to have towards each other. As we take of bread and juice we feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING

(Service leader invites Bible teacher up to give a one-minute intro to their sermon)

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes".

Romans 1:16

THE WORD AND PRAYERS

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. *Psalm 98:1-2*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

By Faith

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

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In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove his
faithfulness**

Who walk by faith and not by sight

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of his promise in their
hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the
promise
We will fix our eyes on him our soul's
reward
Till the race is finished and the work is
done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of
sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave
By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost**

**To deliver captives and to preach good
news**

In ev'ry corner of the earth *Chorus*

**By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall
prevail**

**For we know in Christ all things are
possible**

For all who call upon his name

Chorus x 2

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THE WORD AND PRAYERS

Let us pray....

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are
open, all desires known, and from
whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse
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.**

Hear the commandments which God
gave his people Israel.

I am the Lord your God who bought you
out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery;
you shall have no other gods besides me.

Do not make any idol for yourself; you
shall not bow down to them or serve
them.

Do not misuse the name of the Lord your
God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it
holy. Six days shall you labour and do all
you have to do, but the seventh day is a
Sabbath to the Lord your God.

Honour your father and your mother.

Do not murder.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not give false testimony against your
neighbours.

Do not covet anything that is your
neighbour's.

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

KID'S SPOT AND SONG

GREETING TIME

Please take a moment to greet the people
near you.

BIBLE READING – Janice

This morning's Bible reading is
Acts 2:1-21. You can find it on page 1091
of your pew Bibles or on the screen or on
the insert in your News and Notes.

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they
were all together in one place. ² Suddenly
a sound like the blowing of a violent wind
came from heaven and filled the whole
house where they were sitting. ³ They
saw what seemed to be tongues of fire
that separated and came to rest on each
of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak in other
tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem
God-fearing Jews from every nation

under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens

above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

WHAT WE BELIEVE – Trevor

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

**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.**

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

BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor

"Pentecost – the ministry of Jesus
continues"

*(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and
Service Leader comes forward and invites
congregation to say the psalm together and song)*

A PSALM

Join me in saying Psalm 119,
verses 81-88 together.

**My soul faints with longing for your
salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, "When will you comfort me?"
Though I am like a wineskin in the
smoke, I do not forget your decrees.
How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?
The arrogant dig pits to trap me,**

**contrary to your law.
All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being
persecuted without cause.
They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your
mouth. (NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning so now and
forevermore. Amen.**

Please stand and let us sing again.

Holy Spirit

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

**Holy Spirit living breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me**

**Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of
peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do**

**Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth**

Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise

Lead us on the road of sacrifice

That in unity the face of Christ

Will be clear for all the world to see

(repeat last 4 lines)

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(Prayer leader comes to the lectern unannounced and leads in prayer)

PRAYER – Rosemary

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray that we may enjoy true freedom.

God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your Children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. 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.**

4th Sunday after Easter

Let us pray for all people and for Christ's church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, though the apostle Paul you teach us to pray and give thanks for all people. In your mercy accept our gifts and receive our prayers. Set the nations on the path of righteousness and peace. Lead their rulers to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare of all.

We pray for the leaders of our nation and for all who exercise authority in this land.

Enable them to uphold justice, restrain wickedness and promote integrity and truth.

Comfort and sustain, merciful Lord, everyone in this fleeting life who is in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other distress.

Pour out your Spirit on your church, so that all who acknowledge your holy name may agree in the truth of your word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace to all bishops and other ministers, to set forth your life giving word by their example and teaching and rightly administer your holy sacraments.

Give grace to your people gathered here, to receive your word with humble and obedient hearts and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

We praise you for who have died in the faith of Christ. Help us to follow their good examples, that with them we maybe inherit your heavenly kingdom.

(Further prayers are read for our community, our world, mission focus, Anglicare Chaplaincy, Government, local community and the church.)

Hear us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.

(When finished, the prayer leader returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward to lead the Lord's Supper)

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.

Jesus said... 'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' *Matthew 11.28*

The apostle John said: 'If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. *1 John 1:1,2*

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.

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.

(Prayer Leader come to the Table with musos to take communion first. Prayer Leader helps Minister distribute the Lord's Supper at Table and musos play)

Staying seated or coming to the Table you are welcome to take of bread and wine of the Lord's Supper.

Pause for remembrance.

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.

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

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 among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

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