

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 28 February 2021

Lord's Supper Form 2

WELCOME - Trevor

How Great Thou Art

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art
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How great thou art, how great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze. *Chorus*

And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou
art'. *Chorus*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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.

**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

Faithful God, you caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning. Enable us to
read, note, learn and inwardly digest them,
so that encouraged and supported by your
word, we may embrace and always hold
firmly on to the joyful hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Bible Readings - Brian

Ruth 4:1-22

¹ Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate
and sat down there just as the guardian-
redeemer he had mentioned came along.
Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and
sit down." So he went over and sat down.
² Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and
said, "Sit here," and they did so. ³ Then he
said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who
has come back from Moab, is selling the
piece of land that belonged to our relative
Elimelek. ⁴ I thought I should bring the matter
to your attention and suggest that you buy it
in the presence of these seated here and in
the presence of the elders of my people. If
you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not,
tell me, so I will know. For no one has the
right to do it except you, and I am next in
line." "I will redeem it," he said.
⁵ Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the
land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the
Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to
maintain the name of the dead with his
property."
⁶ At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "Then I
cannot redeem it because I might endanger
my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I
cannot do it." ⁷ (Now in earlier times in Israel,
for the redemption and transfer of property to
become final, one party took off his sandal
and gave it to the other. This was the method
of legalizing transactions in Israel.)
⁸ So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz,
"Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal.
⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all
the people, "Today you are witnesses that I
have bought from Naomi all the property of
Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also
acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow,

as my wife, in order to maintain the name of
the dead with his property, so that his name
will not disappear from among his family or
from his hometown. Today you are
witnesses!"

¹¹ Then the elders and all the people at the
gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord
make the woman who is coming into your
home like Rachel and Leah, who together
built up the family of Israel. May you have
standing in Ephrathah and be famous in
Bethlehem. ¹² Through the offspring the
Lord gives you by this young woman, may
your family be like that of Perez, whom
Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his
wife. When he made love to her, the Lord
enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth
to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi:
"Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not
left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he
become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will
renew your life and sustain you in your old
age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you
and who is better to you than seven sons,
has given him birth."

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and
cared for him. ¹⁷ The women living there said,
"Naomi has a son!" And they named him
Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father
of David.

¹⁸ This, then, is the family line of Perez:

Perez was the father of Hezron,
¹⁹ Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram the father of Amminadab,
²⁰ Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
²¹ Salmon the father of Boaz,
Boaz the father of Obed,
²² Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David. (NIV)

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."
³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.
³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."
³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"
³⁹ "We can," they answered.
Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."
⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.
⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NIV)

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

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

**universal, complete*

SERMON

Duty and decency provide
(Sermon series: Love demonstrated is love rewarded)

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Vikki and Stephen Cook

I will glory in my redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung him on that judgment tree

I will glory in my redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Saviour before the holy judge
The lamb who is my righteousness
The lamb who is my righteousness

I will glory in my redeemer
My life he bought, my love he owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in him alone

I will glory in my redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by his grace
My feet are firm, held by his grace

I will glory in my redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing

I will glory in my redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when he calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold
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PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray
**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.**

Prayers for our world, community and church

Prayers - Teen

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray that we may respond to the Word of God.

God our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. 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.** *AAPB page 195*

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6:35*

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

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

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.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving'

The bread is received

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

The wine/juice is received

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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

This Life I Live

Michael Morrow

This life I live is not my own,
For my redeemer paid the price.
He took it to be his alone,
To be his treasure and his prize.
The things of earth I leave behind
To live in worship of my king.
His is the right to rule my life,
Mine is the joy to live for him.

I died to sin upon the cross
I'm bound to Jesus in his death
The old is gone, and now I must
Rely on him for every breath
With every footstep that I tread
What mysteries he has in store
I cannot know what lies ahead
But know that he has gone before.

There is a voice that pierced the grave
A power that rolled the stone away
A sound of life, I know I'm saved
The voice of God has called my name
So I will rise, and in the air
Behold the glory of the king
I will not fear to meet him there
I know my life is hid with him.
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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.