

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 28 May 2023

Lord's Supper Form 2B from
Common Prayer

WELCOME – Trevor

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

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER - Trevor

(Service leader reminds congregation of the Mission Focus for the month)

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Trevor

When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:3,4

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME - Trevor

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. *Psalm 100:2,3*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith and Thompson

**Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven**

**Who else could make
every king bow down**

**Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles**

Only a holy God

**What other beauty
demands such praises**

**What other splendour
outshines the sun**

What other majesty rules with justice

Only a holy God

Chorus

Come and behold him

The one and the only

Cry out, sing holy

Forever a holy God

Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire

What other power can raise the dead

What other name remains undefeated

Only a holy God *Chorus x 2*

Who else could rescue

me from my failing

Who else would offer his only Son

Who else invites me to call him Father

Only a holy God

Only my holy God! *Chorus*

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GREETING TIME – Trevor

Please, take a moment to greet the people nearby you. The children leave us now for Kid's Church.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME - Trevor

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he has removed our transgressions from us. *Psalm 103:8-12*

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 - Trevor

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 Reader comes forward unannounced and reads the Bible reading)

Bible Reading – Simon Ip

Matthew 25:31-46 – page 994

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his

right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' ⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' ⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of

these, you did not do for me.' ⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (NIV)

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

(Bible Reader returns to the congregation and the Service Leader comes forward and continues)

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.**

**universal, complete*

Bible Teaching – Trevor
Jesus cared – when caring doesn't seem worthwhile

(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward and invites congregation to sing the next song)

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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PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD -
Rosemary

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Let us pray for the will to please God.
Together...

**Stir up the wills of your faithful people
Lord, that, bringing forth the fruit of
good works, they may be abundantly
rewarded, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Set Prayer for the day Page 76 Common Prayer

(Further prayers are read using the form on pages 48 to 49 including a prayer for the Mission and Anglicare Chaplaincy Focus for the Month and for Government Federal, State or Local as per News and Notes)

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

(When finished the Prayer Leaders returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward to continue the service)

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION - Trevor

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat the bread and drink from the cup.
1 Corinthians 11:26-28

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.

If in good conscience it would not be right for you to participate, please use this time to reflect on God's love for us in Christ.

Knowing the goodness of God and the times we fail to respond with love and obedience, let us confess our sins together.

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.

Please stand

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.

The congregation turns to one person near them and in turn says to each other "The peace of the Lord be always with you." The other replies, "And also with you." Then the other says, "The peace of the Lord be always with you" and the other replies, "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.

Please be seated.

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.

(Musicians and helper at the Table come and take communion first. Congregation then comes to the Table for Communion starting from the front of the church to the back or remains seated and takes of the individual wafer and cup in their seats)

(Distributing the bread to each the Minister says...)

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

(Distributing the wine or grape juice to each the Minister says...)

Take this is remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Trevor

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 – Trevor

Before we go out for morning tea, please stand and let's sing...

May the Mind of Christ My Saviour

Katie Barclay Wilkinson

**May the mind of Christ my saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say, all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power, only through
his power.**

**May the peace of God my father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing, sick and
sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self-abasing
This is victory, this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go, as I onward go.**

**May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him, seeing only him.**

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Matthew 6:3,4

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.