

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Sunday, 29 January 2023

The Lord's Supper Form 1

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – Trevor

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good”

Genesis 1:1,31

Bible Teacher gives a brief “all age focused” introduction to the Bible Teaching for today.

Forever

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Give thanks to the Lord

Our God and King

His love endures forever

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Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

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For the life that's been reborn

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Chorus

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Forever God is strong

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Forever, forever

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Forever, forever repeat

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KID'S SPOT with song

GREETING TIME

THE WORD AND THE 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.

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.

Bible Reading - Stewart

Genesis 1:1-31 – page 1

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning - the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning - the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees

on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning - the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning - the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.”

²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning - the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground - everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning - the sixth day.

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

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**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

"God's Good Creation" Genesis 1:1-31

Sermon Series:

God is our Creator who loves and saves his people

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PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

*Further prayers are read for our
community, our nation and our world.*

Prayers - Fiona

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray that God will make us one in mind and heart.

**Father, help us to seek the values that
will bring us lasting joy in this
changing world. In our desire for what
you promised make us one in mind
and heart. Grant 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**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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 2:1-2*

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.

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

A short time is given to eat the bread.

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

A short time is given to drink from the cup

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor

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Behold our God

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**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

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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.