

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

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The Lord's Supper Form 3

WELCOME - Trevor

**He is Holy**

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**Look upward to Jesus**

**He is mighty to save**

**His love like an ocean**

**we sink in its waves**

**Here wash in the blood**

**of the crucified one**

**And shout His salvation**

**in heaven begun**

*Chorus*

**He is holy strong and mighty**

**Maker of the earth**

**He is holy full of glory**

**Worthy of all praise,**

**Lord of all the earth**

**Jesus King of kings,**

**The Son of God**

**Oh do not dishonour**

**the name of our King**

**To think that you cannot**

**be free from all sin**

**He died to redeem you**

**His promise is sure**

**He'll wash you and keep you**

**eternally pure** *Chorus*

**And though our sin will paint us red**

**Inside and out**

**He'll wash us through make us clean**

**As white as snow**

**He is holy strong and mighty**

**Maker of the earth**

**He is holy full of glory**

**Worthy of all praise**

*(Repeat)*

**Lord of all the earth**

**Jesus King of kings, The Son of God**

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## AN INTRODUCTION

*Bible Teacher gives a brief "all age*

*focused" introduction to the Bible*

*Teaching for today.*

*Prayers for Kids' Church. As the children*

*and teachers leave people take a*

*moment to greet the people nearby them.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Almighty God,**

**you know our hearts**

**and nothing can be hidden from you.**

**By your Holy Spirit,**

**cleanse our thoughts and desires,**

**so that we may truly love you**

**and bring honour to your name,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gracious God, as the Bible is read and

taught to us today, deliver us from

unbelief and disobedience. Help us to

exhort and encourage one another, that

none may be hardened by the

deceitfulness of sin. Produce in us the

fruit of your Spirit, for the glory of our Lord

Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Bible Reading - Robyn

### Ephesians 1:1-23

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

<sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will -

<sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to

bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

<sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory. <sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only

in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (NIV)

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

In these words of Scripture, let us acknowledge together what God has done for us through his Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Jesus Christ, in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

**Sermon - Trevor**  
The Blessings in Christ  
*Ephesians 1:1-23*

**Psalm 32:1-2**  
**Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. (NIV)**

**In Christ Alone**  
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**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day**

**Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!  
*Repeat last 4 lines.***

#### **PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Let us 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 forever. Amen.**

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

**Prayers – Young-Lan**

#### **SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Let us pray that we will grow in the love of God and of one another.

**Father, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. may we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared of us. 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.**

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#### **PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION**

Listen to the welcoming words our Saviour Christ says to all who turn to him:

'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' *John 3:16*

Hear what the apostle Paul says: 'Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners'. *1 Timothy 1:15*

At the heart of the Christian life is active trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and in his sacrificial death for sin.

In this symbolic meal, originating from Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we express and strengthen 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 the death of our Saviour. 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 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, recognising the 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.

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ,

in whom there is no condemnation.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

We praise and thank you heavenly Father for every spiritual blessing in Jesus our Lord, in whom we have the forgiveness of sins, the gift of your Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. We who were once far away have been brought near by the blood of your Son. He loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,  
**Glorify be to God in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

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

After the meal, he took the cup, and again giving 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".

**Father, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, and pray that we who eat and drink them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit believing our Saviour's word, may be partakers of his body and his blood. Amen.**

As we eat this bread and drink the cup **we proclaim the Lord's death.**

We do this until he returns  
**Come Lord Jesus, come!**

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*

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children**

**shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor

### Sentence of Scripture for today

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. *Ephesians 1:3*

### You Never Change

Rob Smith

**Light of the world, Lord of all love  
Heavenly Son, sent from above  
We are your bride, bought at great cost**

**Saved by your blood, born of your cross**

**Gathered as one we bring you praise  
All of our lives, all of our days**

*Chorus*

**For you never change – yesterday,  
today and forever**

**Always the same – yesterday, today  
and forever**

**Jesus our Lord, faithful and true  
Day after day your mercies are new  
We worship your name  
You never change**

**Shepherd and friend, saviour and king  
Shelter we've found under your wings  
You never fail, slumber or sleep  
Year after year, leading your sheep  
Lord we are yours, we're not our own  
You are our rock, you are our home**

*Chorus*

Hear us, we pray, 'Lord Jesus come'  
Heaven come down, your will be done  
Gather your church, saved by your  
power  
Carried through time, kept for this  
hour  
When we will rise, seeing your face  
Casting our crowns, praising your  
grace *Chorus*

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To him who is able to keep you from  
falling and to present you before his  
glorious presence without fault and with  
great joy, to the only God our Saviour be  
glory, majesty, power and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all  
ages, now and for evermore! **Amen.**

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