

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 7 March 2021

Lord's Supper Form 2

WELCOME - Trevor

Come People of the Risen King

Stuart Townend

Come, people of the risen king,
Who delight to bring him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. *Chorus*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'. *Chorus x2*

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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 Reading - Max

Thank you Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2 Peter 1:1-21

¹ Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (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*

Bible Teaching - Trevor
Progress in Truth
(*Sermon Series: Grow in grace and
knowledge*)

All That We Need
Bryson Smith and Philip Percival

All that we need for grace in abundance
All that we need for life
All that is needed to be more godly
Comes from knowing Christ

And so for this reason add to faith
perseverance
Grow in the grace of our Lord
And seek to be holy, to make sure of your
calling
Grow in the knowledge of Christ
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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 - Rosemary

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray for confidence in the love and
strength of God to overcome all our
weakness.

Father, you have taught us to express our
love for you by prayer, denial of self, and
works of mercy. When we are discouraged
by our weakness, give us confidence in
your love. 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 p196

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Robinson, Thompson and Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed
To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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.