

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 31 March 2024

Lord's Supper Form 3A from Common Prayer

WELCOME

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

Welcome to church on this Easter Day, especially if you are visiting today or listening into the service via our website. My name is the Rev Trevor Young. I am the Senior Minister here at Abbotsford Anglican Church. Welcome.

Helping me today are our musicians, Adele, Rosemary and Young-Lan. Simon will read to us from the Bible and Diane will lead us in prayer.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican Church are a group of local people of all ages and backgrounds who have come to find meaning and purpose for life by living life God's way according to his word the Bible.

We invite you to know God with us.

During the service we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper together. We will remember God's great love for us in sending Christ to us and the love we ought to have towards each other. As we take of bread and juice we feed on Christ in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING

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

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

REMINDER

(Service leader reminds congregation of mission and Anglicare Chaplaincy focus for the month)

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

"Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit." *1 Peter 3:18*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
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;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture." *Psalms 100:1,2*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Yours Be The Glory

Budry (1854-1932) Hoyle (1875-1939)

Yours be the glory! risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory over death you won;
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where your body lay:
Yours be the glory! risen conquering Son:

Endless is the victory o'er death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb,
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing!
For her Lord is living, death has lost its sting:
Yours be the glory! . . .

No more we doubt you, glorious prince of life:
What is life without you? aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors
Through your deathless love,
Bring us safe through Jordan to your home above:
Yours be the glory! . . .
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Let us pray. Together...

Almighty God, you know our hearts and nothing is 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.

KID'S SPOT AND SONG

GREETING TIME

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you.

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 maybe hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Produce in us the fruit of your Spirit, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

This morning's Bible Reading is from Matthew, chapter 27, verse 62 to chapter 28, verse 20. You can find it on page 999 of your pew Bibles or follow along on the screen.

BIBLE READING - Simon

Matthew 27:62-28:20

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³ "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.
^{28:1} After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and

the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." ¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'" ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So the soldiers took

the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

In these words from 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

BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor
Unstoppable!

(Bible Teacher returns is seated and Service Leader comes forward to invite congregation to say the Psalm and sing the next song)

A PSALM

Join me in saying Ps 22, verses 1-21.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.
Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

**But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
"He trusts in the Lord," they say,
"let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."
Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.
I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.
My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.
Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.
They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.**

**But you, Lord, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to
help me.
Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the
dogs.
Rescue me from the mouth of the
lions;
save me from the horns of the wild
oxen. (NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning so now and
forevermore. Amen.**

Man of Sorrows

Matt Crocker & Brooke Ligertwood

**Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid**

**Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He wore a crown of thorns**

Chorus

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee**

**Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem**

**And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree *Chorus***

Bridge

**Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed (*repeat*) *Chorus***

**See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave**

Chorus

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee
Praise and honour unto Thee.**

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*(Prayer leader comes to the lectern unannounced
and leads in prayer)*

PRAYER – Diane

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray that we may know the risen
Christ.

God our Father, by raising Christ your
Son, you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
In our celebration today raise us up and
renew our lives by the Spirit that is within

us. 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.**

*(Further prayers for our community, the mission
focus, Anglicare Chaplaincy, Government, our
world, local community and for the church
are read.)*

Father, hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(When finished, the prayer leader returns to the
congregation and Service Leader comes forward
to lead the Lord's Supper)*

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

“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. For God did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world but to save
the world through him.” *John 3:16,17*

At the heart of the Christian life is active
trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and 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.

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 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.

Glory be to God in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

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.'

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 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!

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)

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Living Hope

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

**In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness**

**Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace**

The God of ages stepped down from glory

**To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus twice

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

**Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

**Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

**Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory! *Chorus twice***

**Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope!**

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

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.**