



Order of Service

Communion

7th of November 2021

Worship led by: Rev Dr AJ Groenewald

Musician: Martin Petty and the Choir



Welcome:

- To all who are weary and seek rest,
- To all who mourn and long for comfort,
- To all who struggle and desire love,
- To all who are burdened and needing a Saviour,
- To all who are isolated and want fellowship,
- To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- To all the children,
- To everyone whom the Lord have called.....

You are invited to join us for tea and coffee after the service.

Welcome and Announcements

Gordon McGillivray's 70th anniversary of his ordination – "The Lord bless you and keep you!"

Worshipping God Together

Call to worship (Psalm 5:7)

Minister: "But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple."

Beloved, I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn 458

At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of Glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the Name of **Jesus who taught us to pray,**

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Reflecting on God's Word

Bible Reading: Mark 12:28-34 by David Booth

The Greatest Commandment

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'^[a] ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'^[b] ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[c] There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Sermon

Glory to God in the highest (choir)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin to the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Communion

This is the table,
Not of this Church but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him
And who want to love him more.

So come,
you who have much faith, and you who have little;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a time,
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

Come,

for it is Jesus who invites you:
it is his will that those who want him
should meet him here.

The story of the Sacrament of Communion

Now let us here the story of how this sacrament began.

On the night when Jesus was betrayed,
He sat at supper with his disciples.
While they were eating he took a piece of bread,
said a blessing,
broke it and gave it to them with the words:
“This is my body. It is broken for you.
Do this to remember me.”
Later he took a cup of wine, saying,
“This cup represents the new covenant,
sealed with my blood.
Drink from it all of you, to remember me.”

So now, following Jesus’ example and command,
we take this bread and this wine,
the ordinary things of the world
which Christ will make special.
And as he said a prayer before sharing,
let us do so too, let us pray:

**Lord help us to remember your sacrifice for us on the cross when we eat from the
bread and drink of the wine.**

Amen

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high,
voices full and joyful ...
these you deserve.

For when we were nothing,
you made us something.
When we had no name
and no faith and no future,
you called us your children.
When we lost our way or turned away,
you did not abandon us.
When we came back to you,
your arms opened wide in welcome.

And look, you prepare a table for us
offering not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven,
healed, blessed and made new again.
You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

For us you were born,
for us you healed,
preached, taught
and showed the way to heaven;

for us you were crucified,
and for us, after death,
you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ,
present with us now,
for all that you have done
and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
we are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table.

But with you is mercy and the power to change us.
Lamb of God

So as we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room,
send down your Holy Spirit
on us and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us your body,
healing, forgiving and making us whole;
and that we may become,
for you,
your body,
loving and caring in the world
until your kingdom comes.

Let us sing now

Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world;
give us your peace.

Taking and breaking the bread

(Taking of bread)

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
“This is my body
it is broken for you.”

(Taking the cup of wine)

And later he took the cup of wine and said,
“This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my death.

‘Take this – all of you – and remember me’

Sharing the Peace

Let us share it with each other saying:

“The Peace of our Lord will be with you!”

Prayer of thanksgiving by Margaret Black

CH4 457 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
A remnant weak and small,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Blessing

Sing Amen, Amen, Amen

