



# Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**St Andrews at 9am  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

**sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.**

I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

**The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.**

*After Psalm 135*

## **Songs**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!

## **Hearing God's promise of forgiveness**

Hear the words of Psalm 27

'One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.'

We know on our own merit and by our own strength we can never see Jesus face to face, never dwell with Him or be in

relationship with Him but do not fear for Jesus came to make the humanly impossible possible. We can come into God's presence without fear trusting in what Jesus has achieved for all who trust in Him and express that trust by asking for forgiveness. We remind each other of the promise of God -

**'If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'**

In the light of this let us express our trust in all Jesus has achieved by saying together

**Lord God, we have sinned against You; we have done evil in Your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to Your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the promise of Jesus -

'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.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Song**

Jesus, all for Jesus

### **Reading: Habakkuk 1**

<sup>1</sup> The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

<sup>2</sup> How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. <sup>4</sup> Therefore the law is paralysed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

<sup>6</sup> I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup> They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote

their own honour. <sup>8</sup> Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like an eagle swooping to devour; <sup>9</sup> they all come intent on violence.

Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand.

<sup>10</sup> They mock kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; by building earthen ramps they capture them. <sup>11</sup> Then they sweep past like the wind and go on – guilty people, whose own strength is their god.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*(A place for notes)*

### **Song**

The splendour of the king

### **Affirmation of faith**

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God  
almighty, who was, and is, and is  
to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

**for by His will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who  
was slain:

**For with His blood, He purchased  
us for God, from every tribe and  
language, from every people and  
nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say,  
'Come!' Even so come, Lord  
Jesus! Amen.**

**Prayers which may include**  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake  
of your Son, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ. Amen**

Let us pray for the coming of  
God's kingdom in the words our  
Saviour taught us as we say  
together –

**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.**

### **Ladies' Teaching Morning** **Feedback**

### **Church Family News**

### **Song**

Tell out my soul

### **Closing Prayer**

**God the Father, who has given to  
His Son the name above every  
name, strengthen us to proclaim  
Christ as Lord; and the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among us and remain with us  
always. Amen.**

***Please stay for tea or coffee***

***If you want someone to pray  
with you please ask.***

