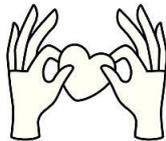




**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**  
**Sunday before Advent**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**



**WELCOME - Gordon Land**

Jesus teaches those who would follow him: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'**

*John 13: 34-35*

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

**let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:

**and we shall praise your name.**

**Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and strength; for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**SONG**

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.

And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*Singing: How marvellous! How wonderful!*

*And my song shall ever be:*

*How marvellous! How wonderful*

*is my Saviour's love for me.*

He took my sins and my sorrows

He made them his very own

He bore the burden to Calvary

And suffered and died alone.

*Singing: How marvellous! How wonderful!.....*

When with the ransomed in glory

His face I at last shall see

Twill be my joy through the ages

to sing of His love for me.

*Singing: How marvellous! How wonderful!.....*

*Charles Hutchinson Gabriel*

**SAYING SORRY TO GOD**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who**

**died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen**

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

**COLLECT** (*Sunday before Advent*)

**Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:**

**keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;**

**who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**PSALM 86** *A prayer of David*

<sup>1</sup> Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup> **Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; <sup>3</sup> have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.**

<sup>5</sup> You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

<sup>6</sup> **Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.**

<sup>7</sup> When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.**

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; **they will bring glory to your name.**

<sup>10</sup> **For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.**

**Glorify to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**READING THE BIBLE - John 13: 31-38**

*Pew bible page 105*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**TALK** – *Andrew Cinnamond*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### SONG

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen one  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*Stuart Townend*

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heaven he stands,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there,  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by his blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

*Charitie Lees Bancroft*

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## NOTICES and BANNs

**PRAYERS** Using the responses  
Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

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

*The Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

### SONG

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley*

### FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

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

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