

Order of Service

1. Welcome –

1. Welcome and good morning everyone
2. Tony is away – so I am filling his spot this morning and taking the service this morning.

2. Birthdays and celebrations (good news)

3. **The focus of the service today** is on the day that Christ died – and is based on a video clip. As Christ died for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God it seemed a timely to invite you to write down the names of the people for whom you are praying for, in terms of salvation, and that we as a church bring these people before God corporately as well as individually.

So, the background and instructions are given in this booklet. The short version, as you all will want to go home sometime today, is that:

1. You to write the names of the people on this card
2. Write them also in the booklet (page 4)
3. Staple the card closed
4. Write your name on the back
5. Place the card in the bowl below the cross.

As outlined in the book over the next 6 weeks we as a church will pray for these people while you also pray individually for the name you have written down. We will then give you the card back to review progress. Hence writing your name on the back of the card!

So, this covers these items.

- **A pencil or pen**
- **A card**
- **A prayer booklet that goes with the card**

These are post but linked to the service.

I also invite you to add your prayers to the booklet so that we can give a refreshed booklet in 6 weeks' time.

The rest of the paper relates to the service

- **This one gives you the words to the video clip**
- **This one to some of the songs from other video clips**
- **And this one summarises the Scripture that we have used today**

4. Opening Prayer and confession

Let us pray:

Abba Father we thank You that while we were far away from You, You still loved us and called us and enabled us to respond to Your calling. Father I confess that I only have a limited comprehension of all that Your Son did for me on the cross and there are many who have no idea what He did on the cross for them. Father forgive us for esteeming Your gift lightly. Forgive those who have as yet rejected You or who have been hurt and pulled away from You and Your love – blaming You as a God who does not care. Father You cared so much that You asked Your Son to take the penalty for sin for us, to take Your wrath upon Himself. Christ You loved us so much that You gave Your life for me, for us, for all who will accept You as their Saviour. I thank You that Your love was so great for us – that it cost You Your life. Help us today to have a new revelation of that price that You paid. Draw us closer to You so that we thirst for You as a deer pants for water. Create a desire within us Father that can only come from You. Help us to yield to You afresh as we worship and glorify Your Name.

I thank You Father, that a new living way, has opened up for us through Jesus Christ. I thank You that we have access to You by faith - that You have written Your laws upon my heart, and

inscribed them in our mind, giving us understanding and revelation. I thank You that by faith we come into Your Presence. Help us today to be in Your Presence, clothed in Your love, as You minister to us today. Amen.

Worship songs -Ann Bunney and music Team

- **Wonderful Grace (John Pantry) (4mins)**
- **Jesus stand Among us (Graham Kendrick) (4.5 mins)**
- **If you want to be great (Servant of all) (Michael Ryan)**

Prayers for the people (Judy Sheat)

Readings

1st Reader -Anna Timms Exodus 29:38-46 – The Daily Offerings

³⁸ Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old shall be offered day by day continually. ³⁹ One lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb in the evening; ⁴⁰ And with the one lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering [to be poured out]. ⁴¹ And the other lamb you shall offer at evening, and do with it as with the cereal offering of the morning and with the drink offering, for a sweet and satisfying fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord. ⁴² This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you to speak there to you. ⁴³ There I will meet with the Israelites, and the Tent of Meeting shall be sanctified by My glory [the Shekinah, God's visible presence]. ⁴⁴ And I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the altar; I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me in the priest's office. ⁴⁵ And I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. ⁴⁶ And they shall know [from personal experience] that I am the Lord their God,

Who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God.

2nd Reader Judith Anderson Hebrews 10:1-14 – Christ’s Sacrifice Once for All

10 For since the Law has merely a rude outline, a foreshadowing of the good things to come—instead of fully expressing those things—it can never by offering the same sacrifices continually year after year make perfect those who approach its altars.

² For if it were otherwise, would these sacrifices not have stopped being offered? Since the worshipers had once for all been cleansed, they would no longer have any guilt or consciousness of sin.

³ But, as it is, these sacrifices annually bring a fresh remembrance of sins to be atoned for,

⁴ Because the blood of bulls and goats is powerless to take sins away.

⁵ Hence, when Christ entered into the world, He said, Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but instead You have made ready a body for Me to offer;

⁶ In burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no delight.

⁷ Then I said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God—[to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book.

⁸ When He said just before, You have neither desired, nor have You taken delight in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings—all of which are offered according to the Law—

⁹ He then went on to say, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will. Thus, He does away with and annuls the first order as a means of expiating sin, so that He might inaugurate and establish the second order.

¹⁰ And in accordance with this will of God, we have been made holy, consecrated and sanctified, through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ, the Anointed One.

¹¹ Furthermore, every human priest stands at his altar of service ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip the sins that envelop us, and take them away—

¹² Whereas this One, Christ, after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins, that shall avail for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

¹³ Then to wait until His enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet.

¹⁴ For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

3rd Reader Isabelle Gravett - a selection from the New Testament – what we have through Christ

So, through Christ we have¹:

The privilege of approaching God with confidence through Christ – Hebrews 4:14-16:

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The authority to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ – Matthew 28:19-20

¹ <https://www.christiantoday.com/article/5-bible-verses-that-speak-of-a-christians-god-given-authority/90420.htm>

Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The opportunity to preach the gospel accompanied with signs and wonders in Jesus' name – Mark 16:15-18

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news^[a] to the whole creation. ¹⁶ The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

The joy of being Christ's ambassadors – 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Grace to win in the fight against the enemy – Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Sermon

Watch the lamb

Watch the lamb (7:44) (SLIDE 3 ENTER-ENTER)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNT1AThOgME>

This video appealed to me, for the message and the subtleties that spoke of the “realities of life” - the lamb pulling and pulled along by the rope, the children, the H&S issue with the dangling rope.

At Jerusalem – the changed mood, the way the three condemn people were presented.

The obvious impact that Jesus had on the man telling the story when:

- Jesus was presented to the crowd
- When He fell under the weight of the cross on his tortured body.

The next scene spoke to me – about myself - emotionally involved as long as I am not exposed, or in the limelight, or expected to do something – then how quickly my involvement, as did his, dissipates;

How I am reminded, in a graphic but not grotesque manner of Christ’s suffering,

and then

as Jesus has died

how the old covenant passed away because it had been fulfilled and a new covenant was in place
and it was right

that the lamb had escaped and run away

by that time after 3pm, it was too late to sacrifice the lamb

and

by Christs death

The lamb's life was no longer required.

I find scenes of Christs suffering difficult to watch -yet the shedding of His Blood and His suffering I caused, and He would have died just for me or for just you.

As I reflected on the video I thought of how “suddenly things can change”.

When this man set out on this annual pilgrimage with his children to Jerusalem that day – the day was expected to go like any other that the father had completed many times before.

He was, teaching his children on the way, explaining their traditions and their meanings.

The Father was not expecting that day, that all that he knew, and many of his ancestors had experienced and observed up to that day with the sacrifices, all pointing to the Messiah, were to be fulfilled – in Christ.

All the sacrifices now obsolete as an old era was ushered out and a new era ushered in. We heard about these in the reading from Hebrews.

We are all familiar with the story, but we have the benefit of 20:20 hindsight.

However, there is still much that I would echo with the children “... **there is so much I don’t understand!**”

We know that the crowds had gone from welcoming Jesus with palm leaves and praises –welcoming Him as King – the one who, they thought would release them from the oppression of the Roman empire –the one the prophets had predicted for so long (*Jeremiah 23:5-6, Isaiah 9:6, Zechariah 6:12-13*).

A King to make them a mighty and powerful nation again.

How quickly their temperament changed when their predilections did not appear as they thought they would or should be fulfilled.

How quickly their temperament was influenced and changed-to demanding His death.

How often we see, as did they, the parts that we want to see and not the whole.

For the Jews – a King to rescue them.

Yes, Christ was prophesised to be to be King but it was also prophesised that he was to suffer.

What was not clear was the timing. They were looking for a King, but the order was the lamb had to suffer and then came Kingship.

We are familiar with the rest of the story, after His death, the confusion of the people, of the rulers, of the despair of Jesus’s disciples and followers, as Jesus was taken from the cross, and buried and then the empty tomb.

As I pondered on the prophecies of Christ being King I was also reminded that it was prophesied that the Messiah – for example

Isaiah 53:3 says, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

The prophets and the people on that day could not see or imagine what was to come, the prophets had not prophesied about the Messiah dying and being resurrected, Jesus had spoken of it or, alluded to Himself rising from the dead for example

¹⁸ Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes; and they will sentence Him to death ¹⁹ And deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and whipped and crucified, and He will be raised [to life] on the third day. (Matthew 20:18-19).

The chief priest and Pharisees were sufficiently worried about Christ's statements regarding His resurrection that they appealed to Pilate for guards

⁶² The next day, that is, the day after the day of Preparation [for the Sabbath], the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled before Pilate ⁶³ And said, Sir, we have just remembered how that vagabond Imposter said while He was still alive, After three days I will rise again. ⁶⁴ Therefore give an order to have the tomb made secure and safeguarded until the third day, for fear that His disciples will come and steal Him away and tell the people that He has risen from the dead, and the last deception and fraud will be worse than the first. ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, You have a guard [of soldiers; take them and] go, make it as secure as you can. ⁶⁶ So they went off and made the tomb secure by sealing the boulder, a guard of soldiers being with them and remaining to watch (Matthew 27:62-66)

The realities that confronted the people whether believers, followers or Jews was too difficult to understand. In such situations we can only cling to the promises and to trust them even when we have to echo “... **there is so much I don’t understand!**”

I had always associated Christ's death with Him being our Passover Lamb.

Purge (clean out) the old leaven that you may be fresh (new) dough, still uncontaminated [as you are], for Christ, our Passover [Lamb], has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Christ’s blood is for our protection as it was for the Israelites in Egypt

The angel of death passing over the houses with the blood of the lamb on the lintel the blood of the lamb protecting the people within

¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the Lord.

¹³ The blood shall be for a token or sign to you upon the doorposts of the houses where you are, that when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt.

and foreshadowing the blood of Christ protecting me from the judgment.

The characteristics and the practices observed by the Jews for the Passover Lamb were the same as those for Christ.

The lamb was chosen – The lamb of God chosen by God for me:

¹⁶ For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He gave up His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal) life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the

world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him. (John 3:16-17)

The lamb had to be without fault and was inspected by the priests – Christ was inspected by the priests and He was without sin

Your lamb or kid shall be without blemish, a male of the first year;⁶ And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall each kill his lamb in the evening. (Exodus 12:5-6)

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council (the Sanhedrin) sought to get false witnesses to testify against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death; ⁶⁰ But they found none,... (Matthew 26:59-60)

He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips. (1 Peter 2:22)

The Passover lamb was roasted by fire

The Passover lamb was roasted by fire - at Golgotha, God poured out his wrath, full strength, undiluted, onto his Son for me, our Saviour drained God's cup of burning anger down to the dregs.

For our sake He made Christ to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The blood of the Passover lamb provided supernatural protection, a supernatural exchange took place for the Israelites, and the blood of Christ provides us with a supernatural exchange

Our sins - forgiven.

Our sicknesses - healed.

Any curses replaced with blessing.

Our shame – Christ's Glory

Our Sin – Christ's righteousness.

Christ's death so that we could share eternal life with God.

Both Passover Lambs were to have memorial feast of celebration

¹⁴ And this day shall be to you for a memorial. You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations, keep it as an ordinance forever. (Exodus 12:12-14).

And Communion - *1 Corinthians 11:24-26 which we will celebrate soon.*

As I pondered on the times of the crucifixion which are so clearly identified in the Bible I wondered of their significance and how these fitted with the Passover lamb.

Then I thought how the Passover Lamb was about protection – not the forgiveness of sins. Yet the bible states:

The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Look! There is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

For Christ [the Messiah Himself] died for sins once for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous, the Just for the unjust, the Innocent for the guilty, that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit, (1 Peter 3:16-20)

And I was drawn to the realisation that Christ was the sacrifice to replace all the Jewish sacrifices. That all the sacrifices offered by the Jews were structured around the Daily Burnt Offering, the tamid

sacrifice, the perpetual sacrifice -the most important sacrifice of the day.

Anna spoke of this in our reading from Exodus 29:38-46

This sacrifice began the day where at dawn the lamb was selected, and it was taken to the altar, at 3rd hour or 9 o'clock the lamb was sacrificed, and noon or the 6th hour a second lamb was taken to the altar and at 3pm or the 9th hour that lamb was sacrificed.

All the other sacrifices through the day were placed on top of the first lamb and the last lamb was placed on top of the other sacrifices – the beginning and the end of the sacrifices for the day – all other sacrifices sandwiched between.

Christ's crucifixion occurred in the same time frame as the Daily Sacrifice

At dawn He was condemned: *(Matthew 26:66-68 and 75), ⁶⁶ What do you think now? They answered, He deserves to be put to death. ⁶⁷ Then they spat in His face and struck Him with their fists; and some slapped Him in the face, ⁶⁸ Saying, Prophecy to us, You Christ (the Messiah)! Who was it that struck You?.....*

And at that moment a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered Jesus' words, when He had said, Before a single rooster crows, you will deny and disown Me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

at 9am He was crucified *(Mk 5:25-6), And it was the third hour (about nine o'clock in the morning) when they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the accusation against Him was written above, The King of the Jews.*

at 12 the sun turned dark (*Mark 15:33*), *And when the sixth hour (about midday) had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (about three o'clock).*

at 3pm He died (*Mark 15:34-40*).³⁴ *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed out His life. ³⁸ And the curtain [of the Holy of Holies] of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion who stood facing Him saw Him expire this way, he said Really, this Man was God's Son!*

And while the Burnt Offerings and Sacrifices were being present that day Christ was hanging on the cross – fulfilling the prayers that were also being prayed in the temple.

According to Jewish tradition, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Jews in the Temple was praying for:

redemption

“Look upon our affliction and plead our cause, and redeem us speedily for your name’s sake, for you are a mighty redeemer. Blessed are you, O Lord, the redeemer of Israel.”

The forgiveness of sins

“Forgive us, O our Father, for we have sinned; pardon us, O our King, for we have transgressed; for you pardon and forgive. Blessed are you, O Lord, who is merciful and always ready to forgive.”

The coming of the Messiah

“Speedily cause the offspring of your servant David to flourish, and let him be exalted by your saving power, for we wait all day long for your salvation. Blessed are you, O Lord, who causes salvation to flourish.”

The resurrection of the dead

“You, O Lord, are mighty forever, you revive the dead. You have the power to save. You sustain the living with loving kindness. You revive the dead with great mercy. You support the falling, heal the sick, set free the bound and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Who resembles you, a king who puts to death and restores to life, and causes salvation to flourish? And you are certain to revive the dead. Blessed are you, O Lord, who revives the dead.”

As suddenly as this man’s world changed with the death and resurrection of Christ – so our world changes when we accept Christ. We become part of the new era that was ushered in that day. A “new type of mankind”, with God’s law written on our heart with our conscience bearing witness

You show and make obvious that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. (2 Corinthians 3:3)

They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them. (Romans 2:15)

“New mankind” exemplified by Christ, who gave up everything, the right to live and act like God and to live constrained within the limits of man

Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, ⁷ But stripped Himself of all privileges and rightful dignity, so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that

He became like men and was born a human being. (Philippian 2:6-7)

– so that we who live in the constraints of our physical can have everything with the veil torn - us having access to our Father, through the Son, with all the authority in the Name of Jesus, and power by the presence of the Holy Spirit, the same power that was exerted in raising Christ from the dead

Let us pray:

Father we thank You that because of Your Son *there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit. (Romans 8:1).*

Thank you that *the law of the Spirit of life, which is in Christ Jesus has freed us from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:1).*

Father we greatly rejoice and thank You and Yahshua that through and by Him

He has clothed us with the garments of salvation, He has covered us with the robe of righteousness, (Isaiah 61:10)

Father, we thank You, that by the power of Your Spirit we have been drawn to and been enabled to accept Christ as our saviour. We thank You that you are continually at work in us growing our relationship with You, Father please continue to

...flood the eyes of our hearts with light, so that we can know and understand the hope to which You have called us, and how rich is Your glorious inheritance in us, Your people set-apart by Yahshua for You. Father let us know and understand the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of Your power in us and for us who believe.

Father we ask that we experience Your manifest presence and the working of Your mighty strength, within us, that same strength which You exerted in Christ when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at Your own right hand in the heavenly places. We ask for revelations of You and let us experience Your power, and the authority that You have given us through Yahshua. Help us by the power of Your indwelling Presence become all that You purposed us to be for You. Amen (based on Ephesians 1:18-20)

With All I Am (By Hillsong) (5.03) (SLIDE 4 ENTER-ENTER)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMrAafe7Mns>

MOVE TO COMMUNION with the statement link (SLIDE 5 ENTER-ENTER)

And as the Passover lamb was a feast of remembrance so we share a feast of remembrance and celebration

Communion servers: Chris and Margaret Hunger, Quentin Lukey, Barbara Durrant, Nelson Turvey.

(30th) Sha Kendal, Jenny Campbell, Grietje Badham, Stuart Sinclair, Janine Sinclair

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Broken for you (3:56) (SLIDE 6 ENTER-ENTER)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CKOvHDOdbY>

Behold the Lamb (New download - cross) – **(SLIDE 7 ENTER-ENTER)**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XR77xKx_0CQ

Table of Grace (I think this is the same as Tony's download) **(SLIDE 8 ENTER-ENTER)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfJkJavuz-s>

Behold the Lamb (New download - cross) – now Ann Bunney and music team

Blessing

Father, I ask that You bless all that are here and their families as I put Your Name on them.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and You Holy Spirit I say:

24 The Lord bless you and your families and all who You hold dear in the Name of the Father, and Son and Holy Spirit that They will watch over you and guard, and keep you; The Lord grant You favour and bless you and Your family and your family relationships and all your relationships - even those with your enemies. 25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious to you, giving you favour with God and man. I bless you and your family and the situations in your lives in Jesus Name.

I bless you that the God of our hope will so fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound and overflow with hope. (Based on Romans 15:13)

I bless you with overflowing peace, the peace that only the Prince of peace can give. The peace that is beyond human understanding. In Jesus Name. Amen.

We invite you to share with peace with one another and also to write the name of the people that you would like prayer for – for salvation in the card.

His Glory appear – Hillsong Brooke Fraser (3:17) **(SLIDE 9 ENTER-ENTER)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqDDb5gdAAE>