



Ammerdown Weekend 2021

Worship Booklet



*Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing."*

John 15:5

Friday evening worship

8pm

Hymn

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(Refrain)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

Frances van Alstyne

Worship

An Iona prayer for silence

Lord, teach us to silence our own hearts and minds,
That we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit
and feel your presence in the depths of our being.

Amen

Confession

We take a moment of silence to bring to mind all we want to say sorry for

We confess our faults and admit our frailty and say together a confession from the Iona community

**Before God, and with the people of God, we confess to our
brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others,
and the life of the world. Amen**

We are forgiven

May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.
Thank you, Lord Jesus.

Hymn

**River, wash over me
Cleanse me and make me new
Bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew
River wash over me**

**Spirit, watch over me
Lead me to Jesus' feet
Cause me to worship and fill me anew
Spirit, watch over me**

**Jesus, rule over me
Reign over all my heart
Teach me to praise You and fill me anew
Jesus, rule over me**



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Prayer of adoration

Let us join in with a prayer of adoration, thanking God for his forgiveness:

Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation
And we praise you.

With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as your children

We praise you

With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each made in your image,

We praise you

Because, in Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our sorrow and joy

We praise you

Because your Spirit is at work today: encouraging, enabling, surprising us,

We praise you

Poor as we are, you give us hope:

salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose

And we praise you. Amen

Reading - The Vine - John 15:1-8 (NIV)

Hymn

**You are the Vine
We are the branches
Keep us abiding In you [2]**

**And we'll go, in your love
and we'll go, in your name
That the world, will surely know,
that you have the power to heal and to save**

**You are the Vine
We are the branches
Keep us abiding In you [2]**



Danny Daniels

Prayers

The sharing – Agape – unconditional, unwavering love.

(In the scriptures, the love that Jesus talks about and refers to is “agape” love. The term agape refers to unconditional love.

Christians believe this is the highest type of love, and it is the love that Jesus has for humans.

Agape involves feeling so much love for someone that you put them before yourself.

The most famous teaching of Christ on this is from the Last Supper in John’s Gospel.

Jesus gives his final commandment to his apostles to love one another.)

1 Corinthians 11:24 & 25 *(to be read as we take some bread and a cup)*

When Jesus had given thanks, he broke it and said,

“**This** is my body that is given for you.

Do this in re-membrance of me.”

In the same way Jesus took the cup also, after supper, saying,

“**This** cup is the new covenant **in** my blood.

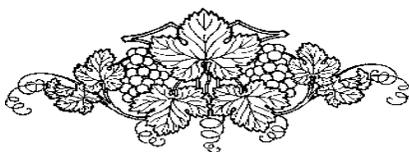
Do this, as often as you drink it, **in re-membrance** of me.”

Closing Prayer

Stay with us Lord, since the day is far spent and the night is coming;

Kindle our hearts on the way, that we may recognise you in the scriptures,
in the breaking of the bread, and in each other.

Amen



Saturday morning worship –

9am

Welcome and Good Morning

Today we continue to think about reconnecting and I hope this short space will help prepare us for this through some worship and prayer.

Hymn

As We Are Gathered Jesus Is Here
One With Each Other, Jesus Is Here
Joined By The Spirit, Washed In The Blood
Part Of The Body, The Church Of God
As We Are Gathered Jesus Is Here
One With Each Other, Jesus Is Here

John Daniels

Reading

Matthew 11:27-30 (Good News Translation)

God wants us to connect with him through Christ, but we sometimes find that easier or harder to do. The reasons for that can be many and different for each one of us, but what we can do together is prepare ourselves to welcome Christ and the Holy Spirit into this day and into our lives.

Please join with me in this prayer after each sentence with the response:

Lord, help us to concentrate on you.

As we gather together

Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we put aside the things that distract us

Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we leave behind the things that worry us

Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we forget about ourselves

Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we worship you with songs of praise
Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we listen to stories from your Word
Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we hear your teaching
Lord, help us to concentrate on you

In our reading God cries out “come to me...” God wants the very best for us and calls us to be with him, but he also calls us to be his hands here on earth.

Prayers

As we pray, I will leave pauses for you to pray silently or aloud:

Father God, we thank you that you have called us this day. Forgive us when we don't hear you clearly or turn away. Help us today to be close to you, hear your voice and understand your words.
Take a few moments to lift to God your own needs.

PAUSE

We thank you for our churches and we ask that you will help us to grow closer to each other and closer to you.
Let us silently pray for the people sitting on either side of us and ask that God will be especially close to them today

PAUSE

We also remember those people who are not with us today, for whatever reason. Let's remember them in our prayers now.

PAUSE

Father God, we thank you for the villages where we live and we ask that you will help us to spread your love to our communities, friends and neighbours.
Let's pray for one or two particular friends, local people or groups.

PAUSE

We thank you for the time we are spending together and we ask that you will be with us throughout the rest of the day.

Let us pray for our hopes and concerns for the coming day.

PAUSE

Lord, thank you that you listen to all our prayers spoken and unspoken.

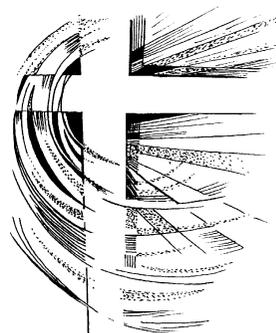
Amen.

Hymn

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ



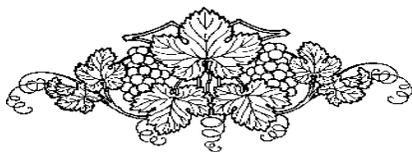
No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend

Guiding God,
be with us
in our going out
and coming home,
in our journeying
and returning,
in our decision making
and organising.

Guarding God,
be with us
through the calm
and through the storm,
be our comfort
when we're hurting,
be our helper
when we're falling.

Gracious God,
walk with us
every moment
of this new day.



Saturday afternoon –

6.15pm

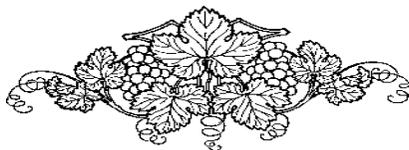
**Come, see the beauty of the King.
Come, see the Lord of everything.
His gentle hands, his lovely face.
Your praises bring, with angels sing.
O come and worship him.**

**We see the beauty of the King.
We see the Lord of everything.
His gentle hands, his lovely face.
Our praises bring, with angels sing.
We come and worship him.**

**We see your beauty, you are King.
We see you Lord of everything.
Your gentle hands, your lovely face.
Our praises bring, with angels sing.
We come and worship you.**

*love
never
fails*
1 Corinthians 13:8

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Saturday night –

9.30pm

The Patrick Compline

Patrick (389-461) was a Briton and a former slave in Ireland. He became the 'Apostle to Ireland', travelling widely, evangelizing tirelessly and organizing churches and monasteries.

He established his episcopal seat in Armagh, which became the centre of Christianity in the whole of Ireland. Patrick was fearless in the pursuit of his aim: to destroy paganism and to exalt the name of the Triune God.



**In the name of the King of life;
in the name of the Christ of love;
in the name of the Holy Spirit:
the Triune of my strength.**

I love you, O Lord my strength.
The Lord is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer.

My God is my rock
in whom I take refuge.

I will praise the Lord who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me.
Because He is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.

**I am placing my soul and my body
under Thy guarding this night, O Christ.
May Thy cross this night be shielding me.**

Into Your hands I commit my spirit;
redeem me, O Lord, the God of Truth.

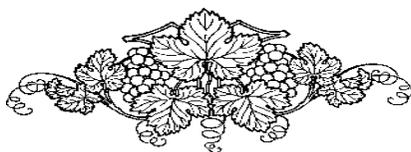
The God of life with guarding hold you;
the loving Christ with guarding fold you;
the Holy Spirit, guarding, mould you;
each night of life to aid, enfold you;
each day and night of life uphold you.

FOR
GOD
SO
LOVED THE WORLD
HE
GAVE
HIS
ONLY
SON

**May God shield me;
may God fill me;
may God keep me;
may God watch me;
may God bring me this night
to the nearness of His love.**

The peace of the Father of joy,
the peace of the Christ of hope,
the peace of the Spirit of grace,

**the peace of all peace be mine this night
+ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

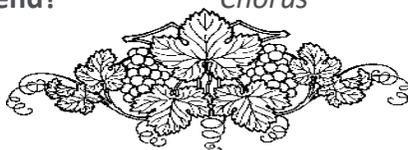
Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus



Sunday Holy Communion –

12pm

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

**Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.**

**We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.**

**We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.**

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Invitation to confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession & Absolution

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

We sing of God's glory

**Glory be to God in heaven,
And to all the earth His peace.
Lord and Father, King in glory,
Gifts of praise in us release
So our worship and thanksgiving
From our hearts will never cease.**

**Christ incarnate, sent by Father
To redeem, renew, restore;
Risen Lamb, in glory seated,
Hear our prayers, Lord, we implore.
Now to Father, Son and Spirit
Be all glory evermore.**

Gospel reading – John 15:1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection points

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.
**He breaks down the walls that divide us:
praise Christ who is our peace!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you



Hymn

**An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their Risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own,
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his Cross shall lift us up.**

**And after Supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.**

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Eucharistic Prayer H

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**



At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer & breaking of bread

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**



Post-Communion Prayer

**God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Final Hymn

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour;
The Hope of nations.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failure,
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

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