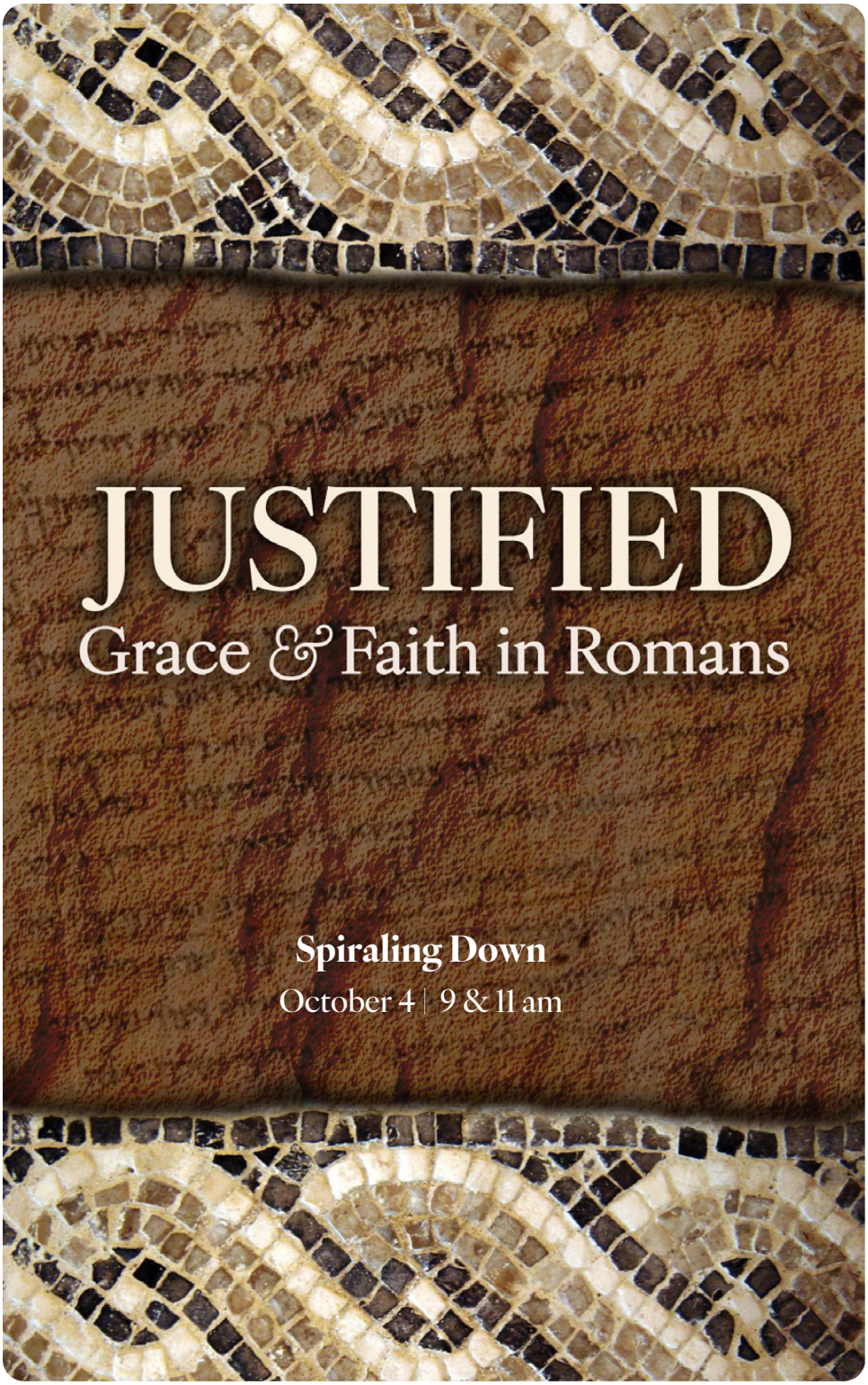
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Holy Communion

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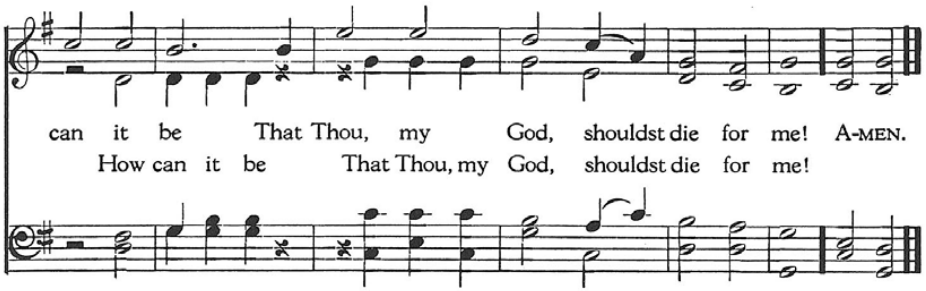
Congregational responses are indicated in **bold.**

And Can It Be

Verses 1, 3, 5



The Acclamation

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

[Please be seated.]

The Lesson.....Romans 1: 18–2: 1
Pew Bible pg. 939

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

The Psalm 14: 1-4

1 The fool has said in his heart, *
"There is no God."

2 They are corrupt and have become abominable in their doings; *
there is none that does good, no, not one.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, *
to see if there were any who would understand and seek after God.

4 But they have all gone astray; they have altogether become abominable; *
there is none that does good, no, not one.

[Please stand.]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 7: 1-5

Pew Bible pg. 812

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

[Please be seated.]

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Alex Shuttleworth

[Please stand.]

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

[Please sit or kneel.]

The Prayers of the People

If you would like us to name someone aloud in prayer in the service next week, please notify the office during the week.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Comfortable Words

The minister may say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

[Please stand.]

The Peace

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

Announcements

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[On occasion the minister may add a proper preface.]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty
Who was and is, and is to come,
Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.
Holy. Holy.

[Please be seated.]

The Prayer of Consecration

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one offering of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Fraction

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized believers are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Hold onto your bread to dip it in the cup, unless you prefer to drink.

Parents of baptized children are welcome to decide whether you would like your children to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

To receive a blessing instead of communion,
simply keep your hands by your side or folded.

If you require a gluten-free or alcohol-free cup, please ask the minister.

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Crowder / Cash

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

His Mercy is More

Boswell / Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

All My Hope

Crowder / Cash

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus: All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same

Chorus

The Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

On occasion the minister may invite the congregation to join in the Post Communion Prayer below.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do
the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**On occasion members of this congregation like to add "alleluia, alleluia" to the dismissal.*

A Note on the Church's Teaching on Human Sexuality

Each of the authors below has contributed significantly to the church's teaching on human sexuality. They differ greatly on how best to live out their lives faithfully as believers who are attracted to other men. Each of them has been attacked in various ways for their teaching and judged for their personal struggles too. Yet each of them agrees with the historical interpretation of Romans 1 and the position of the global Anglican church. Four of them have spoken to me personally to shape my theological view and to help me pastor in both gentleness and truth. I would dearly love to meet the fifth.

If you feel strongly about this subject, from any perspective, I strongly recommend engaging with their collective work with an open mind first, and then sitting down with one of the pastoral team this Fall.

Yours in Christ,
Rev'd Alex

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