



A Covenant Service_{for}
Boroughbridge Methodist Church
and the Anglican Churches of
Aldbrough, Boroughbridge,
Dunsforth, Minskip and Roecliffe
2021

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen

The Lord be with you
And also with you

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

We sing...

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and Earth to Heaven, and Heaven to Earth, will answer:
Jesus the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
Your Son has opened for us,
A new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills,
To worship you in Spirit and in truth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen**

CONFESSION

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Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

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**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

We have a moment of silence....

The God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself,
And cleanse you from all your sins,
That you may behold the Glory of his Son, the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

The Gloria

Refrain: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

1. Lord God heavenly King, peace you bring to us, we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

2. Jesus, saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.

3. At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord.

4. Glory Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit! To you we raise our hands up high! We glorify your name

COLLECT

God of all mercy,
Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
Release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
Anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free,
To praise you in Christ our Lord,
Amen

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,^[a] says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Oh Lord

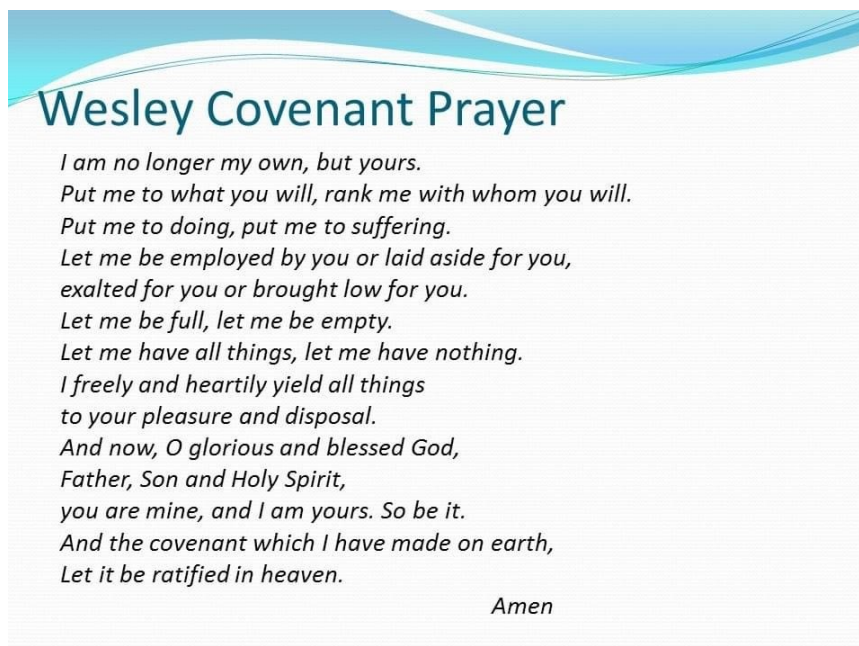
2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Oh Christ

We hear Ian's sermon

We share in the Covenant words together

A graphic with a blue and white wavy header. The text is centered and reads:

Wesley Covenant Prayer

*I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven.*

Amen

We join together in prayer.

From far and wide God calls us together,
heirs of the promise of the spirit of peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

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"Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" ...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" ...

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May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God who has brought us out of darkness
give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his Son.

Amen.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and transform your lives,
to bring his light to others.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Go in the peace and the light of Christ

Thanks be to God

