

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper. Along with the reading and preaching of the Word, Communion is central to the worship and life of the Church. Along with Baptism, Communion is seen as a 'sacrament'. A Church of Scotland Communion is open to any member of any branch of the world-wide Church while those participating are encouraged to examine themselves before participating. Children are also allowed to participate with their parents agreement.

Holy Communion has its origins in the Passover which Jesus celebrated the night before his betrayal. It was during this service Jesus took bread and wine and asked his followers to remember him in the time to come. The bread pointing to his body broken for us and the wine, his blood shed for us. and so removing the barrier between us and God, bringing us into communion with God and each other.

Communion is celebrated on the last Sunday of each month usually at the 11.00 am Service and at the 930 service in February and November

A LIVING SACRIFICE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1

"Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name" (Psalm 63)

"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God".

Praise him with trumpet sound;
Praise him with harp and lyre.
Praise him with tumbrel and dancing;
Praise him with stringed instruments and pipe.
Praise him with loud cymbals;
Praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord! (Psa. 150:3-6,

HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO WORSHIP HIM?

For many the place or the style of worship (liturgy) or even the type of music is important. Jesus though said that what is more important is how we come to God in worship (See John 4:23-24).

We should come in 'spirit' that is with the right spirit, concentrating on God and expressing our love and adoration. We should also come in 'truth' that is, knowing who God truly is, his character and his person as he has graciously shown himself in Jesus. He deserves the best and so we should come into God's presence as though we were meeting the most important person in our life, which He is.

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WHY WORSHIP?



We worship for one purpose:
that we might know our God.
The whole point of worship in and out of
the church is that the people of God
can draw near to Him,
and know him for themselves.

A worship service has no other purpose
or aim other than God.

It is not directed at the people
(a subtle and easy mistake to make),
but to God, for the sake of the people
and from the people.

(Benjamin Seally justworship.com)

If the worship of God is the aim of the
Christian then we should want to do it in
the best way we can. This leaflets aims to
explore what worship is and how we can
best worship God.

WHAT IS WORSHIP ?

We all worship something or someone. When we worship we hold that thing or person as worthy of all of our love and attention and affection.

Some people will worship their car or home because that is what they give all their time and attention to. Some people will worship a pop idol because that is who they hold in greatest affection or love and adore them.

Other people have directed their worship to a god of some kind because they hold see them as worthy of their love and adoration and service.

Christians worship God because they believe he is worthy of their love and attention and affection because of what he has done for them through Jesus Christ. When we value someone or something we demonstrate it by the things we say and do. We express our thanks to God in our words and what we do and we give gifts. Sometimes we hear people say you love me, but you never show it. If we love God we will show it.

O come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our maker. Psalm 95

WHY IS GOD WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP?

Because God created the world and everything in it. He sustains the creation and has a plan for it. He invites us to have a special relationship with him and has made it possible for us to do that through the death of His Son, Jesus. He give us hope and promised all who believe in Him through Jesus they will have a place with Him in His heaven.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS TO WORSHIP

When the Church is faithful to the Bible, the Christian community will want to glorify and worship God through all aspects of its life. But praising God becomes the special and highest purpose of the church when it meets together visibly as a worshipping community. (Howard Snyder)

HOW SHOULD I WORSHIP?

Is there one style of worship which is best? If worship is about releasing our love for God and it comes from our heart then how we worship will differ from one person to another.

That is why different styles of worship are offered here at Kemnay Church providing opportunities for each one of us to slip into the style that suits us and help us show our love for God.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS

When Christians come together for worship they do so in the name of Jesus Christ who has made it possible for us to know God (he came to make God known) and draw near to God without fear (he has removed the barrier between us and God by dying for us).

WORSHIP IS FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

Worship is for God's enjoyment and our enjoyment of Him.

'Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tumbrel and harp. For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.'

Psalm 149

ONE GOD ONLY

"You shall have no other gods before me." "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. Exodus 20

WORK IS WORSHIP

If we relegate worship to services and meetings, we are danger of living in a kind of spiritual schizophrenia shutting off the greater part of our lives from being offered to the Lord who fills all of life. See Colossians 3:23-24

Graham Kendrick

Worship is to have dialogue in which God and God's people speak with one another.

We listen as God speaks to us through the Bible, as the Word is preached, and as Jesus presence comes close to us in Holy Communion.

We respond to God's love with our praises, our prayers, and the offering of our whole selves.

When we gather for worship we desire to seek God's will so that we may lived it out in daily life. To worship is to acknowledge God's worth in acts of praise as well as in daily life. (Unknown)

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God. Psalm 86: 9—10