

# St Christophers Church

Sunday Worship - Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May 2021  
1030am

Church + Livestream



**Restoration**  
(Introducing Joel)

## **Before the Service Music**

Restore O Lord..

**Restore, O Lord,  
In all the earth Your fame,  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your name.  
In Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.**

# Welcome

*We are welcomed by the Vicar, Andy Schuman*

*Instructions are given for this hybrid service*

*A candle is lit - you may wish to light a candle of your own at home as we begin*

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

## Confession

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Collect

Risen Christ

By the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

Help your Church to obey your command

And draw the nations to the fire of your love,

To the glory of God the Father

**Amen**

# Reading - Joel 1:1

## I. Locusts

Grasshoppers and Locusts

Gregariousness

Climate

Swarms



## 2. Joel

Uniqueness

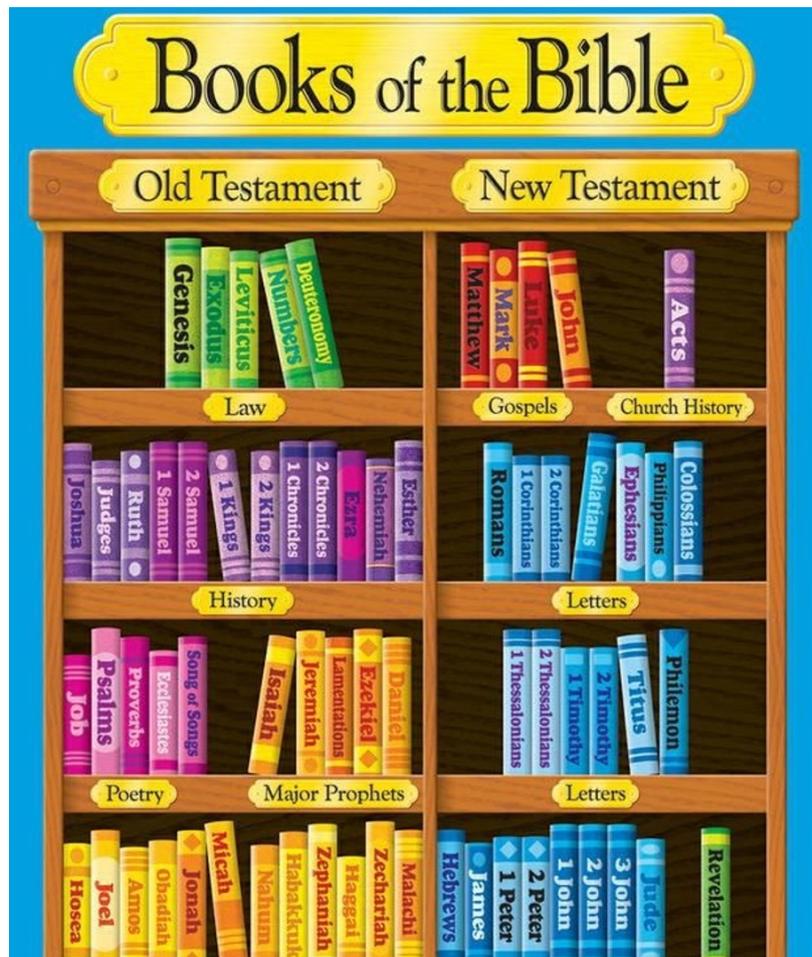
Don't know who Joel was

Don't know when it was written  
(maybe 9<sup>th</sup> C maybe 6<sup>th</sup> C BC)

Lean later as many biblical illustrations

Doesn't accuse Israel of any Sin  
– assumes you've read the other prophets

3 short chapters...



### 3.The word of the Lord

Human author, Divine author

Overview of Joel

Week 1 – Introduction

Week 2 – A Past Day of the Lord (Ch 1)

Week 3 – A Coming day of the Lord (Ch 2:1-17)

Week 4 – God’s Response (Ch 2:18-27)

Week 5 – Hope for the future 1 – Confronting Evil (Ch 3:1-16)

Week 6 – Hope for the future 2 – Renewing Creation (Ch 3:17-21)

Week7 – Hope for the future 3 – Pouring out Holy Spirit (Ch 2:28-32)

## Homework

1. Read Joel!

2. Watch



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQLazbgz90c>

# Prayers

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry ...  
and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick  
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
Amen.**

# Communion

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.  
Amen.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter

to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord  
in power and wisdom forever adored  
the earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above**

**Blessed, most blessed and gracious is he  
Whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us  
free;  
who comes in the name of the Father of light  
let endless hosannas resound in the height**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
to you our souls shelter to You our high tower  
All praise our great Father, all praise heaven's Son  
all praise to the Spirit, for ever Amen**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you 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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*At Home please share the bread and wine with one another using the words:*

**The Body of Christ** for the bread, and  
**The Blood of Christ** for the wine.

*in Church Please stay seated and Communion will come to you..*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.

**God of our salvation, you have restored us to life,  
you have brought us back again into your love  
by the triumphant death and resurrection of  
Christ.**

**Continue to heal us, as we go to live and work  
in the power of your Spirit, to your praise and  
glory. Amen.**

# Notices

Exiting Church

Giving

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Tuesday 9am - reflection

Thursday 9pm - Compline

Sunday 1030am - Sunday Worship

Music for after the service

## Conclusion

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work  
within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

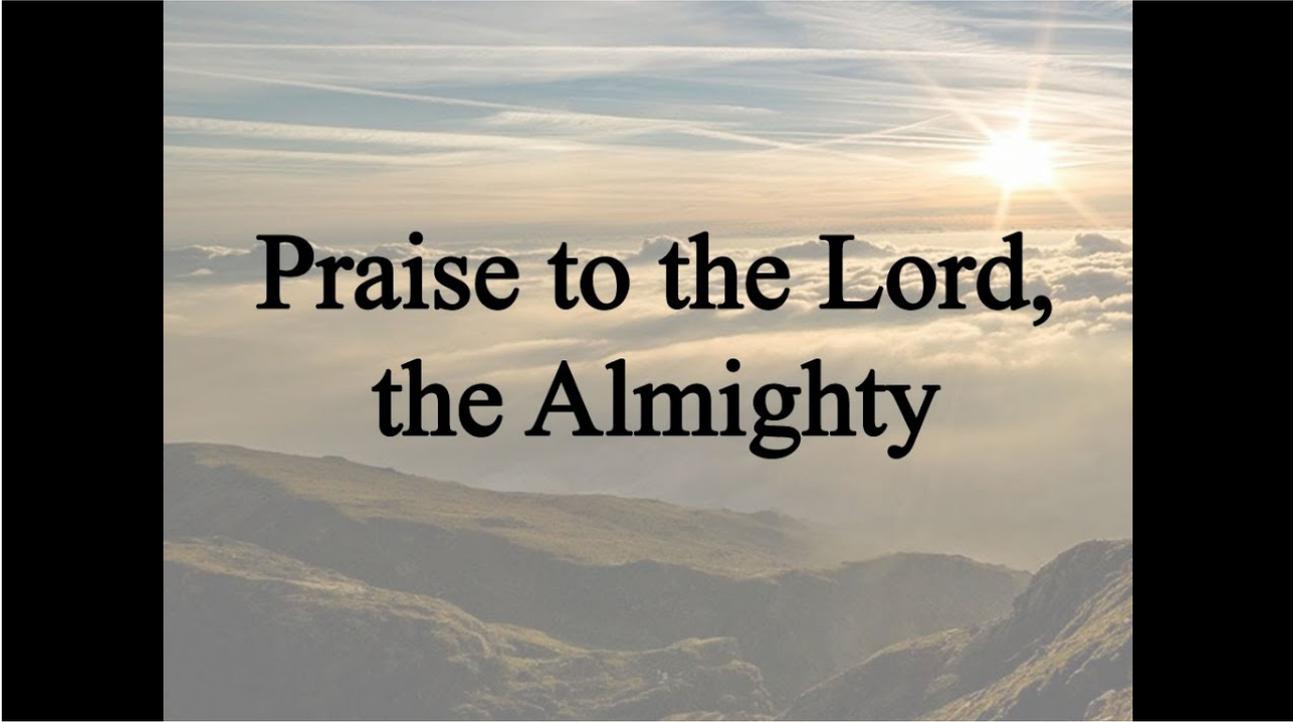
Alleluia, alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

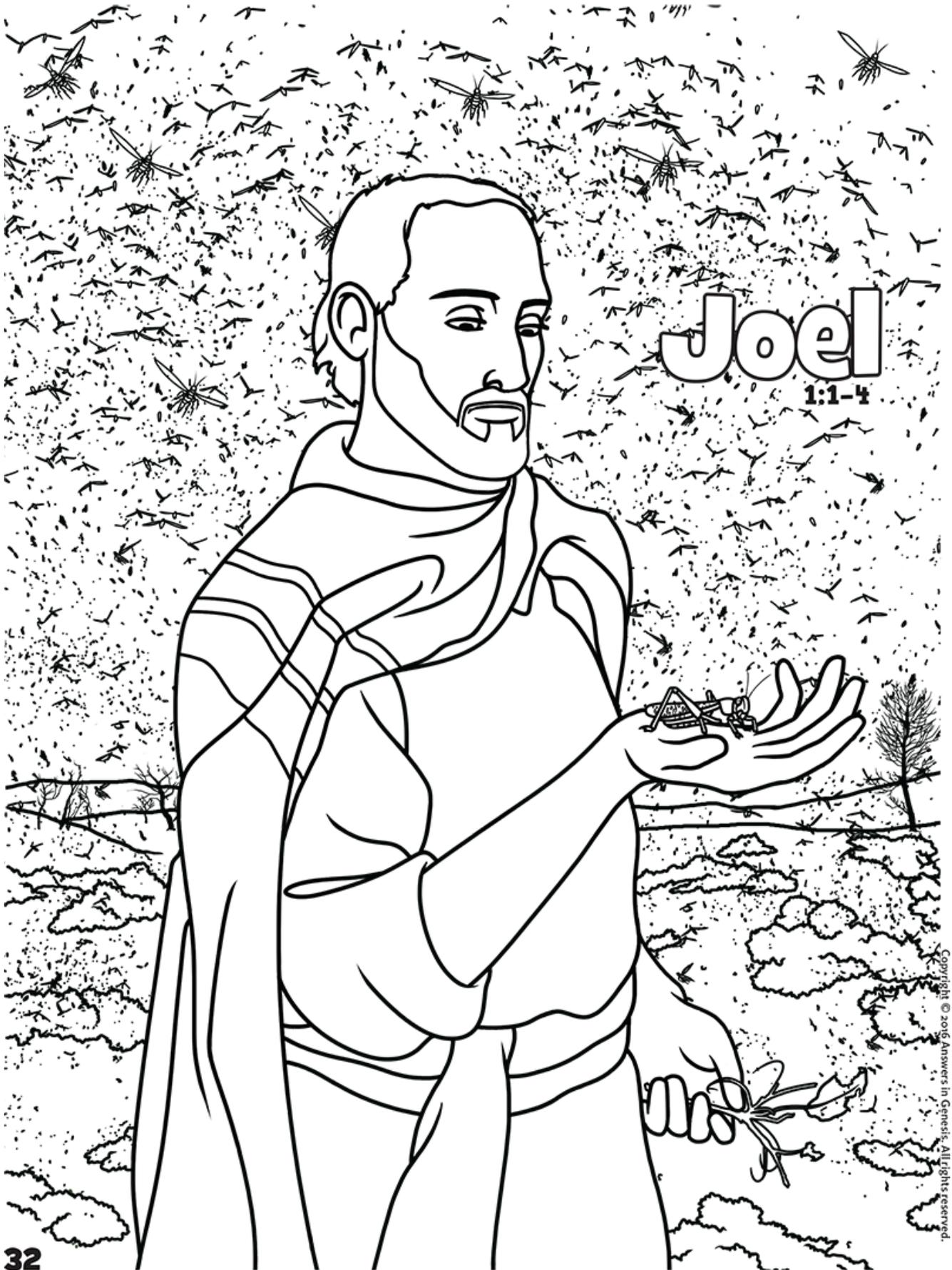
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **After the Service Music**

### **Praise to the Lord the Almighty**



**Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty**



# Joel

1:1-4

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