

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 10 October 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME – Trevor

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

OPENING PRAYER

Great is Thy Faithfulness

William N. Runyan

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 will be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness

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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 *Chorus:*

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 *Chorus*

Great is Thy faithfulness

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Lord, unto me.

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PRAISING GOD

**Gracious God,
we humbly thank you for all your gifts
so freely given to us,
for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation
and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit, and
for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy
and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thank you, Heavenly Father that all
Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful
for teaching, rebuking, correcting and
training in righteousness.

Open our hearts to receive your word,
that we may know you better and be
thoroughly equipped for every good work,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings - Karen

Philippians 1:1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ
Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ
Jesus at Philippi, together with the
overseers and deacons:

² Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember
you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I
always pray with joy ⁵ because of your
partnership in the gospel from the first
day until now, ⁶ being confident of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day
of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all
of you, since I have you in my heart and,
whether I am in chains or defending and
confirming the gospel, all of you share in
God's grace with me. ⁸ God can
testify how I long for all of you with the
affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your
love may abound more and more in
knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that
you may be able to discern what is best
and may be pure and blameless for the
day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of
righteousness that comes through Jesus
Christ—to the glory and praise of God.
(NIV)

Matthew 5:1-10

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he
went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, ² and he began
to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - Trevor

Rejoice in Harmony – Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon series: One in mind, love, spirit and
purpose

Servants of the Gospel

Bryson Smith, Philip Percival

Though we were undeserving
Christ died to wash us clean
He bore the Father's anger
While nailed upon the tree
In darkness and in turmoil
The judgment fell on Him
Bringing us forgiveness
That new life might begin

Chorus

*As servants of the gospel
Christ's work we carry on
That through our prayer and witness
By grace we might win some
We call on every nation
To turn to Christ the Lord
Refuge in His mercy
And marvel at His love*

The grave could not contain Him
From death the Son broke free
Exalted by His Father
To rule eternally
And in His grace He calls us
To be His chosen church
As His holy temple
His priests to all the earth *Chorus*

Marked with His Holy Spirit
And guided by His word
Christ gathers us together
Prepares us for good works
And so with grace apportioned
We serve each other's needs
Sharing in each blessing
And helping in our grief *Chorus*

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PRAYING TO GOD

Although we are the people of God,
Scripture reminds us that we still sin.
We need to confess our failures,
knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us
and intercedes for us with the Father.
Let us draw near to God, who freely
forgives, through his infinite goodness
and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity
and confidence.

**Heavenly Father, we praise you
for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us
from our sins and made us clean in
your sight. Yet we still fail to love you
and serve you as we should.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by
your grace, that we may continue to
grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

God is slow to anger and full of
compassion. He forgives all who humbly
repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation.

Amen.

MISSION SPOT

PRAYER FOR GOD'S WORLD - Diane

**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 forever.
Amen.**

*Further prayers for our community,
COVID 19 and lockdown, our nation,
mission (Bush Church Aid Society),
Prison Chaplaincy, and our world.*

Let us pray that God will help us to love
one another.

Lord, our help and guide, make your love
the foundation of our lives. May our love
for you express itself in our eagerness to
do good for others. Grant this through our
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Do you believe in God the Father?
**We believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the
dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal, complete*

GOING OUT TO SERVE

**Father, take us and use us to love and
serve you and all people,
in the power of your Spirit and in the
name of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace as you trust in him, so that you
may overflow with hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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