

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

Sunday 11 April 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

WELCOME - Diane

Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

Charles Wesley/John Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is king!

Your Lord and king adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!

Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,

The God of truth and love:

When he had purged our stains,

He took his seat above. *Chorus!*

His kingdom cannot fail,

He rules o'er earth and heaven.

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus given. *Chorus!*

He sits at God's right hand

Til all his foes submit,

And bow to his command

and fall beneath his feet. *Chorus!*

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Jesus the judge shall come

And take his servants up

To their eternal home. *Chorus!*

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14-16*

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. So let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together.

Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who are repentant, according to the promises declared to us through your Son Jesus Christ. Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God and loving Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and sincerely believe your holy gospel. Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that we may live godly, righteous and holy lives, and finally come to your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Bible Reading – Ralph

Thank you Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,

² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in

darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching - Timothy Young

We are not meant to be ignorant about what happens when we die

(Sermon Series: We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting)

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my redeemer

Whose priceless blood has ransomed me

Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails

And hung him on that judgment tree

I will glory in my redeemer

Who crushed the power of sin and death

My only Saviour before the holy judge

The lamb who is my righteousness

I will glory in my redeemer

My life he bought, my love he owns

I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in him alone

I will glory in my redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by his grace

I will glory in my redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing

I will glory in my redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when he calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I 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.
I 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.

*catholic = "of the whole," universal, complete

PRAYING FOR GOD' WORLD - David

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer for our world, community and church.

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of mercy, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and you redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gifts of life within us. We ask 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.** *AAPB page 210*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:
let your glory cover the earth.
Keep our nation under your care:
and guide us in justice and truth.
Let your way be known on earth:
your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and truth:
that we may tell of your saving works.
Hear our prayers, O Lord:
for we put our trust in you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Name of Jesus

Caroline M. Noel

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now.
This the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height;
To the eternal Godhead, to the Father's throne
Filled it with the glory of his triumph won.**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the saviour, he is Christ the Lord,**

Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour:
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**With his Father's glory, Jesus comes again
Angel hosts attend him and announce his reign
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed,
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this week in love
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**