

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2B

**WELCOME** - Trevor

*Explaining COVID19 Safe Plan for church.*

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE** - Karen

“Truly my soul finds rest in God, my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Salvation belongs to the Lord.”

*Psalm 62:1,2; Jonah 1:10*

**OPENING PRAYER** – Karen

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day and gathering us together once more. We come before you with praise and thanksgiving. Hear our prayers, O Lord, for we put our trust in you.  
**Amen.**

**PRAISING GOD** - Karen

Together...

**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** - David

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** – David

**Jonah 1:17-2:10**

<sup>17</sup> Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. **2** <sup>1</sup> From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. <sup>2</sup> He said: “In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

<sup>4</sup> I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’

<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.

<sup>7</sup> “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.

<sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good. I will say,

‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’” <sup>10</sup> And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. (NIV)

**Luke 15:8-10** - David

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** – Trevor

“God provides that the saved may rejoice”  
Sermon series: “What a good God, God is”

**SONG on the Screen**

**I Will Wait For You** (Psalm 130)

Keith Getty

*Lord from the depths*

*I call to you*

*Lord, hear me from on high  
and give attention to my voice  
when I for mercy, cry*

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*Chorus*

I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your Word, I will rely  
I will wait for You  
Surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave *Chorus*

Now He has come to make a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice *Chorus*

I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm  
and through the night  
I will wait for You  
Surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight

*I pray my soul  
waits for the Lord  
my hope is in his word  
more than the watchman waits for dawn  
my soul waits for the Lord.*

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### **PRAYING TO GOD - Karen**

“If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” *1 John 2:1,2*

“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” *Joel 2:13*

Dear friends, 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.**

### **PRAYING TO GOD continued - Teena**

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.**

### **Set prayer for the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

### **COVID-19 Prayer**

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection, you have set your people free from the

penalty of sin and death. We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, strengthen those who are treating the sick, comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. Give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Further prayers are read for our community,  
our nation and our world – Teena*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor**

*Please stand*

### **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 - Karen**

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Together...

**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.**