

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 12 May 2024

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2A
from Common Prayer

WELCOME – Fiona

(Service Leader welcomes people to church and introduces people involved in the service)

Good morning. Welcome to church. A special welcome to those who are visiting us today or listening online. My name is Fiona. Helping me in today's service are our musicians Adele, Young-Lan and Rosemary. Reading to us from the Bible will be Coral, and leading us in prayer is Simon. Trevor will bring us our Bible teaching.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican are a group of local people of all ages and backgrounds who have come to find meaning and purpose for life by living life God's way according to his word the Bible. We invite you to know God with us.

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING

(Service leader invites Bible teacher up to give a one-minute intro to their sermon)

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
Psalm 145:9

Please stand and let us sing our first song

To God be the Glory

Frances Jane van Alstyne

**To God be the glory!
Great things he has done
So loved he the world
That he gave us his son
Who yielded his life
An atonement for sin
And opened the life gate
That all may go in**

Chorus

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory
Great things he has done**

**O perfect redemption
The purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus
A pardon receives** *Chorus*

**Great things he has taught us
Great things he has done
And great our rejoicing
Through Jesus the Son!
But purer and higher
And greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness
When Jesus we see!** *Chorus*
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PRAISING GOD

Please be seated. Let's say 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.**

KID'S SPOT AND SONG

GREETING TIME

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you.

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.**

Our Bible reading this morning is Luke 7:11-17. Please open your Bibles at page 1034 or follow along on the screen, or on the handout in the News & Notes.

(Bible Reader comes forward unannounced and reads the Bible reading)

Bible Reading - Coral

Luke 7:11-17

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." ¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. ¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Bible Reader returns to the congregation and Bible Teacher comes forward)

BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor
A Mother's Day Gift

(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward to invite)

congregation to say the Psalm together and to sing the next song)

A PSALM

Join me in saying Psalm 119:97-104 together.

**Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.
Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.
I have more insight than all my
teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.
I have more understanding than the
elders, for I obey your precepts.
I have kept my feet from every evil
path so that I might obey your word.
I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your
precepts; therefore I hate every wrong
path. (NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning so now and
forevermore. Amen.**

Please stand and let us sing again.

Oh the Deep, Deep Love
S T Francis and B Kaufflin

**Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me**

**Underneath me all around me
Is the current of your love
Leading onward leading homeward
To your glorious rest above**

Chorus

**Oh the deep deep love
All I need and trust
Is the deep deep love of Jesus**

**Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he came to pay our ransom
Through the saving cross he bore
How he watches o'er his loved ones
Those he died to make his own
How for them he's interceding
Pleading now before the throne**

Chorus

**Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing
In the midst of ev'ry test
Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Mighty Saviour precious friend
You will bring us home to glory
Where your love will never end**

Chorus x 2

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Please remain standing as we say
together what we believe...

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*

Please be seated.

PRAYING TO GOD

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive
ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and
just and will forgive us our sins and purify
us from all unrighteousness". 1 John 1:8,9

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says
the Lord. "Though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red as crimson, they shall
be like wool." Isaiah 1:18

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.

*(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and
continues prayer)*

Further Prayer – Simon

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.**

Let us pray that we may recognize the
presence of Christ.

Father, help us to keep in mind that Christ
our Saviour lives with you in glory and
promised to remain with us until the end
of time. 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.**

Prayer for the Sunday after Ascension.

*(Further prayers for our community, the mission
focus, Anglicare Chaplaincy, Government, our
world, local community and for the church.*

*When finished prayer leader returns to the
congregation and Service Leader comes forward
to give announcements and introduce last song)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we prepare to leave let's stand and
sing...

By Faith
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove his
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of his promise in their
hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

Chorus
**We will stand as children of the
promise
We will fix our eyes on him our soul's
reward
Till the race is finished and the work is
done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of
sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave
By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good
news**

In ev'ry corner of the earth *Chorus*

**By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall
prevail
For we know in Christ all things are
possible**

For all who call upon his name
Chorus x 2
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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