

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 13 December 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME - Fiona

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's,
and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
Who may ascend the mountain of the
Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure
heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.
They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Saviour.
Such is the generation of those who seek
him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty –
he is the King of glory. (NIV)

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.
Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the judge shall come
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!
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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 - Minette

Luke 1:1-4, 26-38

¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an
account of the things that have been
fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed
down to us by those who from the first were
eyewitnesses and servants of the word.

³ With this in mind, since I myself have
carefully investigated everything from the
beginning, I too decided to write an orderly
account for you, most excellent Theophilus,
⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the
things you have been taught.

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's
pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to
Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin
pledged to be married to a man named

Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's
name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and
said, "Greetings, you who are highly
favoured! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and
wondered what kind of greeting this might
be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be
afraid, Mary; you have found favour with
God.

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son,
and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be
great and will be called the Son of the Most
High. The Lord God will give him the throne
of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over
Jacob's descendants forever; his
kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel,
"since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will
come on you, and the power of the Most
High will overshadow you. So the holy one to
be born will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to
have a child in her old age, and she who was
said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth
month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."
³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.
"May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the
angel left her. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*God's plan was always to become one of us
in Christ*

Sermon series: *That we might be certain of
the things we have been taught*

What Love, My God

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson © 2016

What love my God would bring you down to earth

What king would take a low and lonely birth

Yet to this dark and broken place you came

To sleep beneath the stars that you had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life

**To walk the road, rejected and despised
That you might know the weakness I**

possess

And be my rock of strength and righteousness

*O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood*

What love my God could hold you to the tree

**To bear that overwhelming debt for me
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's**

side

The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die *Chorus*

What love my God, so gracious and extreme

Was strong enough to come and fight for me

To go through hell and down into the grave

**And raise me up to see you face to face
You raise me up to see you face to face**

Chorus x 2

PRAYING TO GOD

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ 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*

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.**

**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 are read for our community,
our nation and our world*

Prayer - David

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, we pray that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered through your guidance that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *AAPB page 183*

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*

See Him Coming

Mark Peterson

**Glory and power to the One who loves us
Honour and praise him forever
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus**

**Glory and power to the One who freed us
From all our sins by his blood
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus**

***See him coming on the clouds of heaven
Every eye behold him now
He's the living One the first and last
Who once was dead, but now he lives
forever and ever***

**Glory and power to the One who made us
A kingdom and priests for God's service
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus**
Chorus

**Jesus is the living one
Who died and came alive
Jesus is the Almighty Lord
Who was, and is to come! Repeat**
Chorus x 2

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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.**