

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

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2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3

WELCOME – Diane

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. *Revelation 4:11*

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

We are going to begin our service today by saying together 23rd Psalm. Please stand if you can and join with me:

**The Lord is my shepherd,  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He will make me lie down in green  
pastures,  
and lead me beside still waters.  
He will refresh my soul,  
and guide me in right pathways for his  
name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me:  
your rod and your staff comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me,**

**you have anointed my head  
with oil and my cup will be full.  
Surely your goodness and loving  
kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.**

Doxology

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the  
wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgements,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!  
“Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counsellor?”  
“Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?”  
For from him and through him and for  
him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

*Romans 11:33-36*

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

We have come together to meet with God and to take our part in the building of his church. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Let us acknowledge our failure to serve him as he deserves, and return to the Lord with repentance and faith, praying together,

**Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us  
with an everlasting love,  
but we have often gone our own way,  
and rejected your will for our lives.**

**We are sorry for our sins  
and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son  
who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
enable us to live for you,  
and to please you in every way,  
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. God therefore forgives you in Jesus Christ, who shed his blood for us. **Amen.**

Give praise to the Lord, call on his name.  
**Make known among the nations  
what he has done.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Heavenly Father,  
give us faith to receive your word,  
understanding to know what it means,  
and the will to put it into practice,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Bible Reading - Stewart

### Romans 13:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup> Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against

what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup> For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. <sup>6</sup> This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the

day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

Please stand.  
Let us affirm our Faith together...

**Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible: all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, and the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross. Amen.**

*Colossians 1:15–20 (abbreviated)*

### **Sermon - Trevor**

*Live the right life in your community*  
Sermon series: Righteousness revealed

### **SONG**

*On the screen to listen to...but at home sing along!*

May the Mind  
Kate Barclay Wilkinson | Mark Peterson

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him.

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### **PRAYER**

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.**

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

### **Prayers - Fiona**

#### **SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Father in heaven, keep your household the church steadfast in faith and love, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lord God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your patience and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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