

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 16th August 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3

WELCOME – Trevor

Explaining COVID19 Safe Plan for church

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD - Teena

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 Readings - Max

Romans 2:1-29

¹ You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's

wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will repay each person according to what they have done." ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honour and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honour and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favouritism.

¹² All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. ¹⁴ (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) ¹⁶ This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

¹⁷ Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; ¹⁸ if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; ¹⁹ if you are convinced that you are a

guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law, do you dishonour God by breaking the law? ²⁴ As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

²⁵ Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. ²⁶ So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? ²⁷ The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God. (NIV)

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

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH - Teena

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

Jesus Christ, in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Philippians 2:6-11

Sermon – Trevor

"Bring on judgement.

But are we ready for it"?

Sermon series: "Righteousness revealed"

SONG – Rock of Ages

A.M. Toplady (1740-1778)

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

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase,
Thou must save, and save by grace.

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.
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PRAYER - Brian

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.**

A set prayer for the day
God of freedom, you have broken the
tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your
Son into our hearts: give us grace to
dedicate our freedom to your service, that
all people may know the glorious liberty of
the children of God; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen. APBA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Trevor

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Teena

Please stand

**We praise you O God:
we acknowledge you to be the Lord.
All creation worships you:
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels cry aloud:
with all the powers of heaven.
Cherubim and Seraphim,
ever singing in endless praise,
"Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might:
heaven and earth are full of your glory."
The glorious company of Apostles
praise you:
The godly fellowship of prophets
praise you.
The noble army of martyrs praise you.
Through all the world your holy Church
acclaims you
Father of majesty unbounded:**

**your true and only Son,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You Lord Christ are the King of glory:
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free:
you did not distain the virgin's womb.
When you overcame the sting of death:
you opened the kingdom of heaven to
all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand
in glory.
We believe that you will come to be our
judge.
Come then, Lord and help your people:
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory
everlasting.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Teena

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.

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

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