

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 19th July 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3A

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 - Brian

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

Jonah 3:1-10

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. (NIV)

Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. (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

BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor

“God welcomes and pardons the sinners“
Sermon Series: What a good God, God is.

SONG – I Stand Amazed (On screen – listened to)

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene
and wonder how he could love me
a sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

*How marvellous, how wonderful
and my song shall ever be.*

*How marvellous, how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me*

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not my will but thine
He had no tears for his own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine *Chorus*

In pity angels beheld him and came
from the world of light
To comfort him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night *Chorus*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them his very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone *Chorus*

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me *Chorus x 2*
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PRAYER - Fiona

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

Almighty God our heavenly Father, when
we were lost in our sin you looked for us
and, finding us, took us into your arms and
welcomed us. We give you thanks for all
your goodness and loving kindness
towards your children. But above all for
your compassion, mercy and forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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 disdain 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.