

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3A

**Present:** Teena, Rosemary, Amber, Young Lan,  
Stuart & Trevor (Social distancing practiced)

**WELCOME** - Teena

## **Psalm 84:1-4**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young-  
a place near your altar,  
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.  
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you. (NIV)

## **Praise to the Lord**

Lyrics by Joachim Neander,

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king  
of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
health and salvation!**

**All you who hear, now to his temple  
draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,  
wondrously, made us;**

**Shelters us under his wings and so  
gently sustains us.  
Have you not seen, all you have needed  
has been**

**granted because he ordains it?**

**Praise to the Lord, who does prosper  
your work and defend you.**

**Surely his goodness and mercy will  
daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew what the almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that has life and breath, come now  
with praises before him.**

**Let the 'Amen!' sound from his people  
again;**

**gladly because we adore him.**

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**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** - Stuart

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**

## **Ecclesiastes 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Again I looked and saw all the oppression  
that was taking place under the sun:  
I saw the tears of the oppressed-  
and they have no comforter;  
power was on the side of their oppressors-  
and they have no comforter.

<sup>2</sup> And I declared that the dead,  
who had already died,  
are happier than the living,  
who are still alive.

<sup>3</sup> But better than both  
is the one who has never been born,  
who has not seen the evil  
that is done under the sun.

<sup>4</sup> And I saw that all toil and all achievement  
spring from one person's envy of another.  
This too is meaningless, a chasing after the  
wind.

<sup>5</sup> Fools fold their hands  
and ruin themselves.

<sup>6</sup> Better one handful with tranquillity  
than two handfuls with toil  
and chasing after the wind.

<sup>7</sup> Again I saw something meaningless  
under the sun:

<sup>8</sup> There was a man all alone;  
he had neither son nor brother.  
There was no end to his toil,  
yet his eyes were not content with his  
wealth.

"For whom am I toiling," he asked,  
"and why am I depriving myself of  
enjoyment?"

This too is meaningless-  
a miserable business!

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one,  
because they have a good return for their  
labor:

<sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down,  
one can help the other up.  
But pity anyone who falls  
and has no one to help them up.

<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together,  
they will keep warm.  
But how can one keep warm alone?

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly  
broken. (NIV)

### **Mark 12:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and  
heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus  
had given them a good answer, he asked  
him, "Of all the commandments, which is  
the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered  
Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our  
God, the Lord is one.'<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your mind and with all your  
strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your  
neighbour as yourself.' There is no  
commandment greater than these." (NIV)

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

### **STATEMENT OF BELIEF - 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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Trevor**

#### **PRAYER - Rosemary**

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.**

*Set prayer for the Day*  
Heavenly Father, the giver of all good  
things, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and  
grant that by your holy inspiration we may  
think those things that are good, and by  
your merciful guidance may perform them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
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*Further prayers are read for our community,  
our nation and our world*

### **As the Deer**

Martin J. Nystrom

**As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.**

#### *Chorus*

**You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.**

**I want you more than gold and silver  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And on you I can rely. *Chorus***

**You're my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are the king.  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything. *Chorus***  
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**Sermon – Trevor**

"The desire to connect"  
Sermon series: "What makes people tick"  
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#### *The Offertory Song*

### **This Life I Live**

Michael Morrow

**This life I live is not my own,  
For my redeemer paid the price.  
He took it to be his alone,  
To be his treasure and his prize.**

**The things of earth I leave behind  
To live in worship of my king.  
His is the right to rule my life,  
Mine is the joy to live for him.**

**I died to sin upon the cross  
I'm bound to Jesus in his death.  
The old is gone, and now I must  
Rely on him for every breath.  
With every footstep that I tread  
What mysteries he has in store.  
I cannot know what lies ahead  
But know that he has gone before.**

**There is a voice that pierced the grave  
A power that rolled the stone away.  
A sound of life, I know I'm saved  
The voice of God has called my name.  
So I will rise, and in the air  
Behold the glory of the king.  
I will not fear to meet him there  
I know my life is hid with him.**

*Repeat last 4 lines*

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### **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.**

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