

Abbotsford Anglican Church

St Andrew's

Sunday, 29th March 2020

Service of the Word and Prayer Form 4A

Present only – Trevor, Rosemary, David, Karen,
Diane

WELCOME

Trevor

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Trevor

We have come together as the church of God to fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, to encourage one another to hold fast to the hope he has given us, and to spur one another to love and good deeds.

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:1,2

Holy, Holy, Holy - Rosemary

Reginald Heber Music: John B. Dykes

1 Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim

Falling down before thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy;

There is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

In earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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Together, let us affirm with Christians across the ages what we believe about God and his love for us.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of 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 again 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.

I 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD - Trevor

Gracious God, your word is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. Today, when we hear your voice, deliver us from hardness of heart. Help us to put away everything that keeps us from persevering in your way, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*catholic = literally "of the whole," universal, complete

BIBLE READINGS – Karen

Our two Bible readings this morning are from John Chapter 14 verses 15 to 17 and Galatians Chapter 5 verses 22-26.

John 14:15-17

¹⁵ Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (NIV)

Galatians 5:22-26

²² ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Interview and Kid’s Church Song

Trevor/Karen

Bible Teaching – Trevor

“Walk by the Spirit” Galatians 5:13-26
Sermon Series – “Guidance for Church Fitness”

Holy Spirit - Rosemary

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life in to my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin in each
Thought and deed and attitude.**

**Kindness to the greatest and the least;
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creations birth,
Giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on Earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.**

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trevor

The Scriptures remind us that...

“If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”
1 John 1:8,9

Knowing the mercy of God let us pray...

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ was sacrificed once and for all to hear the sins of many. God therefore forgives those who look to his Son for mercy.
Amen.

PRAYING FOR GOD’S WORLD-Rosemary

We praise you, God,
we praise you, for you are near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.
Psalms 75:1

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord,

“He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Psalm 91.1,2

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray to be more like Christ...

Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who
loved the world and died for our salvation.

Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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As our Saviour Christ has taught let's say the
Lord's Prayer together...

**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 Prayer - Rosemary

Prayer for God's world, his church and each
other.

Announcements - Trevor

The Offertory Song

Undivided – Rosemary

Rob Smith

Give me an undivided heart

That I might fear your name

Teach me to walk in righteous paths

And follow in your ways

For you are gracious and forgiving

Hear, O Lord and answer me

Give me an undivided mind

That I might love your word

Help me to hunger for your voice

And know your Spirit's sword

For you are good, your truth unchanging

Life is found in serving you

Undivided, I want to live for you

Single minded, all that I say, all that I do

Sanctify me, take me and make me new

That I might live for Christ, my Lord

Give me an undivided love

For all that you desire

Make me a living sacrifice

Ignite in me your fire

For you, O Lord, are God eternal

All my ways are known to you

Undivided, I want to live for you

Single minded, all that I say, all that I do

Sanctify me, take me and make me new

That I might live for Christ, my Lord

Undivided, counting my gains as loss

**Single minded, whatever the pain, whatever
the cost**

Sanctify me, help me take up my cross

And live for him who died for me

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GOING OUT TO SERVE - Trevor

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.**