

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 21 November 21

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3

WELCOME - Trevor

To God Be The Glory

Frances J Van Alstyne

To God be the glory,
Great things He has done,
So loved He the world
That He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate
That all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father,
Through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory;
Great things He has done.

Oh, perfect redemption,
The purchase of blood,
To every believer
The promise of God;
The vilest offender
Who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
A pardon receives. *Chorus*

Great things He has taught us,
Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing
Through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
And greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness
When Jesus we see. *Chorus*
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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 Readings – Stewart

Philippians 4:10-23

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your

acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (NIV)

Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of

the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes?"

See how the flowers of the field grow.

They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

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

*Rejoice in Helping
Philippians 4:10-23*

Sermon series: One in mind, love, spirit and purpose

My Worth is Not in What I Own

Keith and Kristyn Getty

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid
At the cross *Chorus*
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PRAYER - David

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.**

*Prayers for our community, COVID 19,
our nation, mission (Anglicare Toys 'n'
Tucker online), Defence Force
Chaplaincy, and our world*

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray that we will grow in the love of God and of one another.

Father, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *AAPB page 255*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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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