

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 22 November 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME - Fiona

## SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 5:1*

## PSALM 65

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.  
You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.  
When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.  
Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of  
your house, of your holy temple.  
You answer us with awesome and  
righteous deeds, God our Saviour,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas, who formed the  
mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,  
who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.  
The whole earth is filled with awe at  
your wonders; where morning dawns,  
where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.  
You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water

to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it.  
You drench its furrows and level its  
ridges; you soften it with showers and  
bless its crops.  
You crown the year with your bounty  
and your carts overflow with  
abundance. The grasslands of the  
wilderness overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.  
The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing. (NIV)

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING GOD

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for  
all your gifts so freely given to us, for  
life and health and safety, for power to  
work, leisure to rest, and for all that is  
beautiful in creation and human life.  
But, above all, we praise you for our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, for his death and  
resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit,  
and for the hope of sharing in your  
glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and  
peace in believing; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thank you, Heavenly Father that all  
Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for  
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training  
in righteousness. Open our hearts to  
receive your word, that we may know you  
better and be thoroughly equipped for  
every good work, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## Bible Readings - Rosemary

### Romans 14:1-23

<sup>1</sup> Accept the one whose faith is weak,  
without quarreling over disputable matters.

<sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat  
anything, but another, whose faith is weak,  
eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats  
everything must not treat with contempt the  
one who does not, and the one who does  
not eat everything must not judge the one  
who does, for God has accepted them.

<sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's  
servant? To their own master, servants  
stand or fall. And they will stand, for the  
Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more  
sacred than another; another considers  
every day alike. Each of them should be  
fully convinced in their own mind.

<sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does  
so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so  
to the Lord, for they give thanks to God;  
and whoever abstains does so to the Lord  
and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us  
lives for ourselves alone, and none of us  
dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live  
for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the  
Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong  
to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ  
died and returned to life so that he might be  
the Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother  
or sister? Or why do you treat them with  
contempt? For we will all stand before  
God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written:  
"As surely as I live," says the Lord,  
'every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account  
of ourselves to God.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us stop passing judgment  
on one another. Instead, make up your  
mind not to put any stumbling block or  
obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

<sup>14</sup> I am convinced, being fully persuaded in  
the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in  
itself. But if anyone regards something as  
unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

<sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister is distressed  
because of what you eat, you are no longer  
acting in love. Do not by your eating  
destroy someone for whom Christ died.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let what you know is  
good be spoken of as evil. <sup>17</sup> For the  
kingdom of God is not a matter of eating  
and drinking, but of righteousness, peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit, <sup>18</sup> because  
anyone who serves Christ in this way is  
pleasing to God and receives human  
approval.

<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do  
what leads to peace and to mutual  
edification. <sup>20</sup> Do not destroy the work of  
God for the sake of food. All food is clean,  
but it is wrong for a person to eat anything  
that causes someone else to stumble. <sup>21</sup> It  
is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to  
do anything else that will cause your  
brother or sister to fall.

<sup>22</sup> So whatever you believe about these  
things keep between yourself and God.  
Blessed is the one who does not condemn  
himself by what he approves. <sup>23</sup> But  
whoever has doubts is condemned if they  
eat, because their eating is not from faith;  
and everything that does not come from  
faith is sin. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon - Trevor**

*Live the right life when you disagree*

Sermon series: Righteousness revealed

## SONG

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

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Graham Kendrick

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

*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

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed, my ransom paid  
At the cross

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## PRAYING TO GOD

### Romans 3:10-20

As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;  
there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.  
All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one."

"Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

"Their mouths are full of cursing and  
bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
ruin and misery mark their ways,  
and the way of peace they do not know."

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. (NIV)

**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.**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

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

**Prayers - Teena**

### SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *APBA*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

Do you believe in God the Father?  
**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?  
**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by 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 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**We 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.**

*\*universal, complete*

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

**Father, take us and use us to love and  
serve you and all people, in the power of  
your Spirit and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**