

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

¹ Accept the one whose faith is weak,
without quarreling over disputable matters.

² One person's faith allows them to eat
anything, but another, whose faith is weak,
eats only vegetables. ³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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. ⁷ For none of us
lives for ourselves alone, and none of us
dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ
died and returned to life so that he might be
the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ It is written:
"As surely as I live," says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

¹² So then, each of us will give an account
of ourselves to God.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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.

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

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do
what leads to peace and to mutual
edification. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ It
is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to
do anything else that will cause your
brother or sister to fall.

²² 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. ²³ 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.**