

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

**Sunday, 23 August 2020**

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

**WELCOME** - David

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

**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**

We thank you heavenly Father, for inspiring all Scripture by the Holy Spirit. Help us by your Spirit so to hear your holy word that we may be equipped for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible Reading** - Rosemary

**Romans 3:1-31**

<sup>1</sup> What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.

<sup>3</sup> What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness?

<sup>4</sup> Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak, and prevail when you judge."

<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) <sup>6</sup> Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?

<sup>7</sup> Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?" <sup>8</sup> Why not say—as some slanderously claim that we say—"Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is just!

<sup>9</sup> What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. <sup>10</sup> As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;

<sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one."

<sup>13</sup> "Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

<sup>14</sup> "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

<sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

<sup>16</sup> ruin and misery mark their ways,

<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they do not know."

<sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, <sup>30</sup> since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** - Trevor

'I am a good person. Are you really?'

*Sermon series: 'Righteousness revealed'*

**SONG**

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

**His Robes for Mine**

Chris Anderson, Greg Habegger

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath  
God's rage.

Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

*Chorus*

*I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ  
alone.*

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;  
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

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## PRAYING TO GOD

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. So let us approach the throne of our gracious God,

with a true heart if lull assurance of faith, and pray together.

So please prepare for a time of confession before the Lord our Maker.

**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.**

Almighty God and loving Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and sincerely believe your holy gospel. Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that we may live godly, righteous and holy lives, and finally come to your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 - Diane**

## SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. AAPB**

## COVID 19 PRAYER

## 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

**Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service and live this week in love to one another and to you; through 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.**