

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 24 October 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 4

**WELCOME** – 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.

**Lord For the Years**

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Lord, for the years  
Your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us,  
Cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us,  
Pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years,  
We bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,  
The word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts  
And sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains,  
Rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word,  
Receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our world  
When we disown and doubt him,  
Loveless in strength,

And comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless,  
Lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world,  
We pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;  
In living power remake us -  
Self on the cross  
And Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.  
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## **AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER**

**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.**

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

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

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.**

## **BIBLE READINGS** – Stewart

### **Philippians 1:27-2:18**

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel. 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved - and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but

each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of

you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. (NIV)

### **Matthew 5:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon - Trevor**

*Rejoice in Humility*

*Philippians 1:27-2:18*

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

### **Let Me Be as Christ to You**

Richard Gillard

Brother, let me be your servant

Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey

We are brothers on the road

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you

In the night-time of your fear

I will hold my hand out to you

Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping

When you laugh I'll laugh with you

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven

We shall find such harmony

Born of all we've known together

Of Christ's love and agony

Brother, let me be your servant

Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant, too

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### **Prayer - Trevor**

**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 bear the sins of many. God therefore forgives those who look to his Son for mercy. **Amen.**

### **PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD - David**

**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 for our community, COVID 19 and lockdown, our nation, mission (Bush Church Aid Society), Prison Chaplaincy, and our world.*

### **SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Let us pray that God will make us one in mind and heart.

Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promised make us one in mind and heart. Grant 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 249

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Highest Place**

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Jesus Christ, in very nature God  
Did not grasp hold of His place  
on the throne

But took on the nature of a servant  
Made himself nothing, born as a man  
Being found in appearance as a man  
He was obedient to death on a cross  
There he died, God the Son, the maker  
A humble servant, showing the way

#### *Chorus*

Therefore God exalted Him

To the highest place

And gave Him the Name

Above all names

So that at the name of Jesus

Every knee should bow

In Heaven and on earth

And under the earth

And every tongue confess

That Jesus is Lord

To the glory of God the Father

(Repeat from beginning)

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### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Gracious God, you made an eternal covenant with us through the blood of your Son, and brought him back from the dead as the great Shepherd of your sheep. Equip us with everything good for doing your will. Work in us what is pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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