

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 25 October 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.

Psalm 47

**Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.**

**For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.**

**He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

**God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.**

**God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted. (NIV)**

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 Readings - Janice

James 1:19-27

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note
of this: Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak and slow to become angry,
²⁰ because human anger does not produce
the righteousness that God desires.
²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the
evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept
the word planted in you, which can save
you.
²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so
deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does

not do what it says is like someone who
looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after
looking at himself, goes away and
immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the
perfect law that gives freedom, and
continues in it—not forgetting what they
have heard, but doing it—they will be
blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious
and yet do not keep a tight rein on their
tongues deceive themselves, and their
religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God
our Father accepts as pure and faultless is
this: to look after orphans and widows in
their distress and to keep oneself from
being polluted by the world. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Stephen Gibson
'Hearing and Doing'

SONG

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

Your Word

Your word is good, it's ever faithful
Worth more than gold, the heart's delight
Your word gives life to all who hear and
obey
Your word endures forever
Your word is true, it never changes
It formed the earth; sustains it still
Your word defends; providing refuge and
strength
Your word endures forever

Chorus

Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your word is a light unto my path
For your word is my hope, it's my joy and
my song
Your word endures forever

Your word transforms, it lifts the humble
Rebukes the proud, protects the poor
Your word discerns the mind and spirit of
all
Your word endures forever
Your word endures forever *Chorus*

Your word is more than just letters on
pages;
It's life and it's love and it's freedom for us
Your word is more than just wisdom of
ages;
Its treasures are endless, it's always
enough

Your word is more than just stories of old;
It's the truth and the way and the story of
love
Your word is more than just breath into
dust;
It's your Son, as a man, come to dwell here
with us *Chorus*
Your word endures forever (x3)
Emu Music

PRAYING TO GOD

The Bible also 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 full assurance of faith, and pray together.

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 have demonstrated your righteousness through presenting Christ as a sacrifice of atonement for us. We trust 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 - Teena

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, grant that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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.**