

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 28 March 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 4

WELCOME – Trevor

Behold the Lamb of God

Nicky Chiswell & Rob Smith

**He walked on earth, showing glimpses
of heaven**

**Demons, death, disease had no hand
The wind and the waves were obedient
before him**

Well may they say, "Who is this man?"

Chorus

**Behold the lamb of God, who takes
away our sin**

**The light of the world, the son of God
Worthy is the lamb to receive our praise
Glory and honour and power.**

**He turned not his face from our pain and
destruction**

He drank the bitter cup to the end

**He who knew no sin took the
punishment for us**

Deserted by God, man and friend.

Chorus

**On the third day, he was raised up with
glory**

Reigning on high, the risen son

**We have new life, a new hope, a new
future**

Now we cry 'Come, Lord Jesus Come!'

Chorus

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AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

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.

**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

Welcome and Interview with Emily

HEARING GOD'S WORD - Trevor

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 READING – Rosemary

Psalms 145

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of
praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
⁴ One generation commends your works to
another; they tell of your mighty acts.
⁵ They speak of the glorious splendour of
your majesty – and I will meditate on your
wonderful works.
⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome
works –
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
⁹ The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
¹² so that all people may know of your
mighty acts and the glorious splendour of
your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all
generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give
them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear
him; he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Emily Carpenter

Chaplain, Concord Hospital

Put a New Song in My Heart

Rob Smith

**Put a new song in my heart
Let me hear the praises start
Dispel the night
And give me light again**

**Put a new thought in my mind
Help me leave the past behind
And break these chains
That I might live again**

Lift my fallen face
and help me to stand
Flood me with the grace
That comes from your hand
Cleanse me from my sin
Lord, forgive me again
That I might be yours alone

Put a new fire in my soul
Make this wounded spirit whole
And help me see
That I am free again

Let these broken bones
Rise up and rejoice
Bring this captive home
And lift up my voice
Help my spirit sing
Now to Jesus my king
For he has forgiven me

Lift my fallen face
and help me to stand
Flood me with the grace
That comes from your hand
Cleanse me from my sin
Lord, forgive me again
That I might be yours alone

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CONFESSION – Trevor & Congregation

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.
**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 prayer for God's world, his church, the
community, and the spread of the gospel.*

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in
his passion.

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given
the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour
as a model of humility.

He fulfilled your will by becoming man and
giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear
witness to you by following his example of
suffering, and make us worthy to share in
his resurrection. We ask 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.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Bridges, Thring, Elvey

**Crown him with many crowns,
The lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends their burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the lord of years
The potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

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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.**