

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

*Growing together as followers of Jesus*

## Sunday 31 January 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

**WELCOME** – Diane

**All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

William Kethe | Alan Glover

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,  
Come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
He formed us all without our aid.  
We are the flock he surely feeds,  
The sheep who by his hand were made.

*Chorus*

O let the earth rejoice,  
Lift up your voice  
And magnify his holy name. *Repeat*

O enter then his gates with joy,  
Within his courts his praise proclaim!  
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.  
O bless and magnify his name! *Chorus*

Because the LORD our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His faithfulness at all times stood  
And shall from age to age endure. *Chorus*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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**DRAWING NEAR TO GOD**

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." *Acts 17:30–31*

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 in full assurance of faith, and pray together.

**Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who are repentant, according to the promises declared to us through your Son Jesus Christ. Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Thank you Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Bible Reading** – Ralph

**Proverbs 3**

<sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, <sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

<sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. <sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

<sup>9</sup> Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, <sup>12</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, <sup>14</sup> for she is more profitable than silver and yields better

returns than gold. <sup>15</sup> She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. <sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. <sup>17</sup> Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. <sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. <sup>19</sup> By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; <sup>20</sup> by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.

<sup>21</sup> My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; <sup>22</sup> they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. <sup>23</sup> Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. <sup>24</sup> When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. <sup>25</sup> Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, <sup>26</sup> for the Lord will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared. <sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. <sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbour, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you" - when you already have it with you. <sup>29</sup> Do not plot harm against your neighbour, who lives trustfully near you. <sup>30</sup> Do not accuse anyone for no reason - when they have done you no harm.

<sup>31</sup> Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways. <sup>32</sup> For the Lord detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence. <sup>33</sup> The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the

home of the righteous. <sup>34</sup> He mocks proud mockers but shows favour to the humble and oppressed. <sup>35</sup> The wise inherit honour, but fools get only shame. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Bible Teaching** - Trevor

*A new beginning – Covid normal*

**Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

Robinson, Thompson and Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

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**WHAT WE BELIEVE**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I 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.**

**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

**PRAYING FOR GOD' WORLD**

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 our world, community and church.*

**Prayers** - Rosemary

**SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Lord our God, help us to love you with all our hearts and to love all people as you love them. 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 pg 226

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:

**let your glory cover the earth.**

Keep our nation under your care:

**and guide us in justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth:

**your saving power among all nations.**

Send out your light and truth:

**that we may tell of your saving works.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord:

**for we put our trust in you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**O Great God**

O great God of highest heaven,  
occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme,  
conquer every rebel power.

Let no vice or sin remain  
that resists your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me,  
make me yours for evermore.

I was blinded by my sin,  
had no ears to hear your voice,  
did not know your love within,  
had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then your Spirit gave me life,  
opened up your word to me,  
through the gospel of your Son,  
gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life  
that's dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised  
with my every thought and deed.

O great God of highest heaven,  
glorify your name through me.

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**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.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**