

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1A

WELCOME - *David*

Beautiful Saviour

Stuart Townend

**All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the fountain of delights
For in my helplessness you heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**I will trust in the cross of my redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end.**

**Beautiful saviour, wonderful counsellor
Clothed in majesty, lord of history
You're the way, the truth, the life
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness
You're the risen one, heaven's champion,
And you reign, you reign over all**

**I long to be where the praise is never-
ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshippers will share one
song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!**

**Beautiful saviour, wonderful counsellor
Clothed in majesty, lord of history
You're the way, the truth, the life
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness
You're the risen one, heaven's champion,
And you reign, you reign...**

(Repeat)

...you reign over all.

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD - *David*

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

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 I'll 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

Bible Reading - *Karen*

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.**

Ephesians 1:3-6

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. (NIV 2011)

Luke 12:4-7

⁴ "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (NIV 2011)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching - *Trevor*

"The desire to be taken seriously"
(Sermon Series: "What makes us tick")

In Christ Alone

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**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

(Repeat)

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WHAT WE BELIEVE - *David*

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 - *Rosemary*

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 fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him.
Psalm 145:17-20a

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.**

Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly wills and passions of sinful people; grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be lived where true joys are to be found: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Further prayers for our world, community and church and mission focus for march - according to pages 77-87 in Common Prayer or suitable alternatives.

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 - *Trevor*

Offertory Song
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
Robinson, Thompson, 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...
(Repeat)
...When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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GOING OUT TO SERVE - *David*

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
in the name of Christ. Amen.