

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 3 November 2024

All Age Service

Another Order of Service for Prayer and the Hearing of God's Word AAPB p39

WELCOME - Diane

(Service Leader welcomes people to church and introduces people involved in the service)

Good morning. Welcome to church.
A special welcome to those who are visiting us today for Matthew and Joshua Steele's Baptism, or listening online.
My name is Diane.

Helping me in today's service are our musicians Rosemary and Linda. Reading to us from the Bible will be Heather, leading us in prayer is Simon, and Trevor will bring our Bible teaching.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican Church are a group of local people of all ages and backgrounds who have come to find meaning and purpose for life by living life God's way according to his word the Bible. We invite you to know God with us.

OPENING PRAYER - Diane

Heavenly Father, you have brought us here today. This time we meet with you and your people is special. Help us not to take this moment with you and your people for granted. Take our anxious thoughts and let us know your peace,
your presence and your power.

May we listen to your word with expectation, engage in what we pray and say, and worship you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING - Trevor

(Service leader invites Bible teacher up to give a one-minute intro to their sermon)

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER - Diane

(Service leader reminds congregation of mission and Anglicare Chaplaincy focus for the month)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME - Diane

We have met together to thank God, to meet with Jesus, and to encourage one another while we wait for Christ's return. We shall praise God with our words and by what we do. We shall hear from his holy word and we shall pray for the Church and for all people.

To prepare ourselves, let us hear from the word of God....

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Diane

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". *Psalm 119:105*

Sing to the Lord a new song.
For he has done marvellous things.

Please stand and let us sing our first song.

Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith and Thompson

**Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven**

**Who else could make
every king bow down
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles
Only a holy God**

**What other beauty
demands such praises
What other splendour
outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God**

Chorus

**Come and behold him
The one and the only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God**

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God** *Chorus x 2*

**Who else could rescue
me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God
Only my holy God!** *Chorus*

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**BAPTISM
of Joshua and Matthew Steele**
Rev Trevor Young

GREETING TIME - Diane

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD - Diane

Our Bible reading this morning is 2 Peter, chapter 1. Please open your Bibles to page 1225 or follow along on the screen or on the handout in your News & Notes.

BIBLE READING – Heather

2 Peter Chapter 1

¹ Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things. ¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor

"Progress in The Truth" – 2 Peter 1

Sermon series: Lessons learnt from Balaam and his donkey

(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward and invites congregation to sing the next song)

Please stand, and let us sing again.

May the Mind of Christ My Saviour
Katie Barclay Wilkinson

**May the mind of Christ my saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say, all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power, only through
his power.**

**May the peace of God my father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self-abasing
This is victory, this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go, as I onward go.**

**May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him, seeing only him.**

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A PSALM – Diane

Let's turn to a time of prayer.
Join me in saying Psalm 119:121-128

**I have done what is righteous and just;
do not leave me to my oppressors.
Ensure your servant's well-being;
do not let the arrogant oppress me.
My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,
looking for your righteous promise.
Deal with your servant according to
your love and teach me your decrees.
I am your servant; give me discernment
that I may understand your statutes.
It is time for you to act, Lord;
your law is being broken.
Because I love your commands
more than gold, more than pure gold,
and because I consider all your
precepts right, I hate every wrong path.
(NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning so now and
forevermore. Amen.**

CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS - Diane

Let us confess our sins to almighty God...

**Most merciful God, we humbly admit
that we need your help. We confess that
we have wandered from your way: we**

**have done wrong, and we have failed to
do what is right. You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins
and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our
Saviour. Amen.**

God wills that all people should be saved
and in response to his call we acknowledge
our sins. He pardons those who humbly
repent and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore, we have peace with God,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be blessing
and honour for ever. **Amen.**

FURTHER PRAYER – Simon

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Lord, teach us to 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.**

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.

*Further prayers for the community, the world,
mission focus and for the work of the church.*

A prayer in regards to our giving:
Heavenly Father, accept our giving towards
ministry in this place and beyond. We bring
them to you as a token of our love and
gratitude; grant that they maybe wisely
used towards your kingdom work and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please join me to pray for God's protection.
The set prayer for today.

**Father, watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.
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.**

Set prayer for the 23rd Sunday after Trinity

*Prayer leader return to the congregation and
Service Leader return to the lectern, closes with this
prayer and gives announcements.*

CLOSING PRAYER - Diane

Almighty God, you have given us grace to
bring before you with one accord our

common supplication, and you promise that
when two or three are gathered together in
your name you will grant their requests;
fulfil now Lord, the desires and petitions of
your servants, as may be most expedient
for them, granting us in this world
knowledge of your truth, and in the world to
come life everlasting. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Diane

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Diane

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light
to my path”. *Psalm 119:105*

Please stand to sing our final song

Thy Word

Amy Grant

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end**

Chorus

**I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end**

Chorus x 2

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Let us say together...

**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.**