

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 4 August 2024

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1B
from Common Prayer

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 or listening online. My name is Diane.

Helping me in today's service are our musicians Adele, Young-Lan and Linda. Reading to us from the Bible will be Stewart, leading us in prayer is Young-Lan and Michael will bring our Bible Teaching.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican 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.

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, and everything you need will be given to you as well. *Matthew 6:33*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth & Matt Redman

**Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance
flow**

Blessed be your name

**Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name**

Chorus

**Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name**

**Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name**

**Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name** *Chorus*

**You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name** *Repeat*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name** *Repeat*
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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Please be seated.

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God 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.

We ought to admit our sins to God at all times, and especially when we come together like this, to give thanks for the benefits we have received from him, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask him to supply whatever we need.

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 repent, 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 heavenly 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.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. **His steadfast love endures forever!**

GREETING TIME

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Bible reading this morning is 1 Timothy 6:6-19. You can find it on page 1195 of your pew Bibles, on the screen or on the insert in the News and Notes.

As Stewart comes up to read, let me pray.

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 Reader comes forward unannounced and reads the Bible reading)

Bible Reading – Stewart

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (NIV)

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

(Bible Reader returns to the congregation and Bible Teacher comes forward)

BIBLE TEACHING – Michael
The secret of contentment
Sermon series – Put wealth in its place

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

PSALM 119:17-24

**Be good to your servant while I live,
that I may obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.
I am a stranger on earth;
do not hide your commands from me.
My soul is consumed with longing
for your laws at all times.
You rebuke the arrogant, who are
accused,
those who stray from your commands.**

**Remove from me their scorn and
contempt, for I keep your statutes.
Though rulers sit together and slander
me, your servant will meditate on your
decrees.
Your statutes are my delight;
they are my counsellors. (NIV)**

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

Please stand and let us sing again...

He Will Hold Me Fast
Keith and Kristen Getty

**When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast**

**Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast *Chorus***

**For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last *Chorus x 2*
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Remain standing as we say together what
we believe...

WHAT WE BELIEVE

**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 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.**

**universal, complete*

Please be seated.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD –
Young-Lan

(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and continues prayer)

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.**

Let us pray that everything we do will be
guided by God's law of love.

God our Father, you have promised to
remain for ever with those who do what is
just and right. Help us to live in your
presence. 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.**
Set Prayer for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

*(Further prayers for our community, the mission
focus, Anglicare Chaplaincy, Government, our
world, local community and for the church.)*

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.

*(When finished, the prayer leader returns to the
congregation and the Service Leader comes
forward to give announcements and introduce
last song)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we prepare to leave let's stand and
sing...

Where Else Have We To Go?
Nicky Chiswell

**We have come to see,
To know and understand,
Things the very angels long to see.
God, who owes us nothing,
Has spoken to us all;
Christ, the Word of God Himself,
has been.**

Chorus
**Where else have we to go,
When you alone have words of
eternal life?
Where else have we to go,
When you alone have words of
eternal life?**

**Words of truth passed down
To those entrusted few
Who witnessed and proclaimed him
Christ the Lord.
We are their descendants,
On us the light has dawned,
Standing in the gospel we first heard.**
Chorus

**Come all you who labour,
You who are weighed down;
You who thirst and hunger for the
right.
There is truth and meaning,
Mercy, rest and hope;
True salvation comes through
Jesus Christ. Chorus**
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Lord Jesus Christ fill us with your Spirit
and send us out with confidence in your
word, to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

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.**