

Abbotsford Anglican Church

St Andrew's

Sunday, 5th April 2020

Service of the Word and Prayer Form 1A

Present only – Trevor, Rosemary, David, Karen, Linda

WELCOME - Karen

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE for Palm Sunday

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal
procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 118:26-29

Lift Up Your Heads

Michael Morrow

**1 Why should the gates of heaven be closed?
Is there no one pure?
Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
Is there no one worthy?**

Chorus

**Look now! Lift up your heads!
The king is returning, the king is returning,
Jesus mighty to save!
Riding in glory,
Jesus, the conquering king!**

**2 See how he leads the ones he has freed
From the power of sin.
Joy on their face, they follow him in,
The redeemed are singing. *Chorus***

**3 Open, you gates, be lifted you doors,
Let the Son arise,
Heaven, be filled with anthems of joy
To the king of glory! *Chorus***

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD - Karen

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah 55:6–7*

We ought to admit our sins to God at all times, 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.

With this in mind, 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

Bible Readings – David

Our two Bible readings this morning are from Zechariah Chapter 9 verses 9 and 10 and John Chapter 12 verses 12 to 16.

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the
earth. (NIV)

John 12:12-16

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come
for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way
to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and
went out to meet him, shouting,
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as
it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all
this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they
realize that these things had been written about
him and that these things had been done to him.
(NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY - Trevor

Almighty, and everlasting God, in tender love
towards mankind you sent your Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon
him and to suffer death on the cross, that all
mankind should follow the example of great

humility: grant that we may follow the example
of his suffering, and also be made partakers of
his resurrection; through him who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

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BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor

“Do not be afraid”

(Sermon Series: Easter Comfort)

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!

Henry H Milman (1791 - 1868)

**1 Ride on, ride on in majesty
As all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry
Through waving branches slowly ride,
O Saviour, to be crucified.**

**2 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
In lowly pomp ride on to die
O Christ, your triumph now begin
With captured death, and conquered sin!**

**3 Ride on, ride on in majesty
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
The last and fiercest foe defy
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**5 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
In lowly pomp ride on to die
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your power and reign!**

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WHAT WE BELIEVE – Karen

Together, let us affirm with Christians across
the ages 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.**

PRAYING TO GOD - Rosemary

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 – Rosemary
*Prayer for our world, community and church
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

*catholic = literally “of the whole,” universal, complete

What Love My God

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

**What love my God would bring you down to
earth
What king would take a low and lonely birth
Yet to this dark and broken place you came
To sleep beneath the stars that you had made
What love my God would send the way of life
To walk the road, rejected and despised
That you might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and
righteousness**

Chorus

**O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the king who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood**

**What love my God could hold you to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me
The son of heaven leaves the Father’s side
The healer bleeds, the life was made to die**

Chorus

**What love my God, so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight for me
To go through hell and down into the grave
And raise me up to see you face to face
You raise me up to see you face to face**

Chorus x 2

In his love like a mighty flood

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GOING OUT TO SERVE - Karen

Let us pray...

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.