

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

Sunday February 7, 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

WELCOME – David

Come Praise and Glorify

Tim Chester and Bob Kaufflin

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ he has in heavenly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in his sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

Chorus:

To the praise of your glory
To the praise of your mercy and grace
To the praise of your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives his grace in Christ
In him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In him God has made known to us
The mystery of his will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfil *Chorus*

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the three in one *Chorus x2*
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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse 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 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.

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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 - Kay

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.**

Ruth 1:1-22

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion Also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law

she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me - even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons - ¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

²⁰ "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. ²¹ I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me."

²² So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning. (NIV)

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching - Trevor

Discouragement gives rise to love

(Sermon Series: Love demonstrated is love rewarded)

Amazing Grace

John Newton, John P. Rees

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
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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 = "of the whole," universal, complete

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD - Diane

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.**

Prayer for our world, community & church.

Set prayer for the day

Let us pray for God's protection.

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. AAPB page 227

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

This Life I Live

Michael Morrow

This life I live is not my own,
For my redeemer paid the price.
He took it to be his alone,
To be his treasure and his prize.
The things of earth I leave behind
To live in worship of my king.
His is the right to rule my life,
Mine is the joy to live for him.

I died to sin upon the cross
I'm bound to Jesus in his death
The old is gone, and now I must
Rely on him for every breath
With every footstep that I tread
What mysteries he has in store
I cannot know what lies ahead
But know that he has gone before.

There is a voice that pierced the grave
A power that rolled the stone away
A sound of life, I know I'm saved
The voice of God has called my name
So I will rise, and in the air
Behold the glory of the king
I will not fear to meet him there
I know my life is hid with him.

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you,
and all people, in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

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