

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 10 January 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME – Teena

You Never Change

Rob Smith

Heavenly Son, sent from above
We are your bride, bought at great cost
Saved by your blood, born of your cross
Gathered as one we bring you praise
All of our lives, all of our days

Chorus

For you never change – yesterday, today
and forever
Always the same – yesterday, today and
forever

Jesus our Lord, faithful and true
Day after day your mercies are new
We worship your name
You never change

Shelter we've found under your wings
You never fail, slumber or sleep
Year after year, leading your sheep
Lord we are yours, we're not our own
You are our Rock, you are our home

Chorus

Heaven come down, your will be done
Gather your church, saved by your power
Carried through time, kept for this hour
When we will rise, seeing your face
Casting our crowns, praising your grace

Chorus

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Always the same – yesterday, today and
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SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

A shoot will come up from the stump of
Jesse;
from his root a Branch will bear fruit.
The spirit of the Lord will rest on him –
The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and of power,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of
The Lord –
And he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
Isaiah 11:1-3

PRAISING GOD

**Gracious God,
we humbly thank you for all your gifts
so freely given to us,
for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation
and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit, and
for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy
and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thank you, Heavenly Father that all
Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training
in righteousness. Open our hearts to
receive your word, that we may know you
better and be thoroughly equipped for
every good work, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings - Stewart

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the
Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get
up," he said, "take the child and his mother
and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell
you, for Herod is going to search for the
child to kill him."

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his
mother during the night and left for Egypt,
¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod.
And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said
through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called
my son."

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been
outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and
he gave orders to kill all the boys in
Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two
years old and under, in accordance with the
time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then
what was said through the prophet
Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸"A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
²⁰and said, "Get up, take the child and his
mother and go to the land of Israel, for
those who were trying to take the child's life
are dead."

²¹So he got up, took the child and his
mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But
when he heard that Archelaus was reigning
in Judea in place of his father Herod, he
was afraid to go there. Having been warned
in a dream, he withdrew to the district of
Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town
called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was
said through the prophets, that he would be
called a Nazarene. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

He was protected and saved, so to save us
Sermon series: 'That we might be certain of the
things we have been taught'

Grace

Shepherd, Robinson and Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of your salvation

Chorus

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored

And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The Prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner *Chorus*

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my saviour *Chorus x 2*
Words and Music by Niki Shepherd, Jonny
Robinson and Rich Thompson

PRAYING TO GOD

Although we are the people of God,
Scripture reminds us that we still sin.
We need to confess our failures,
knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and
intercedes for us with the Father.
Let us draw near to God, who freely
forgives, through his infinite goodness and
mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and
confidence.

**Heavenly Father, we praise you
for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us
from our sins and made us clean in your
sight. Yet we still fail to love you
and serve you as we should.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by
your grace, that we may continue to
grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

God is slow to anger and full of
compassion. He forgives all who humbly

repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in
whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

**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 prayers are read for our community,
our nation and our world*

Prayers - Fiona

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Father, you revealed your Son to the
nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us
to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, or ever and
ever. **Amen.** *AAPB page 191*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Do you believe in God the Father?
**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?
**We 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**We 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*

Be Still My Soul

Alanna Glover

Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to your God to order and provide
In every change he faithful will remain
Be still my soul, your saviour and your
friend
Will lead you safe, until a joyful end

Be still my soul, your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past
Your hope, your confidence let nothing
shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul, the wind and waves will
know
His voice who ruled while he was here
below

Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief and fear are
gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul, when change and tears are
past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

**Father, 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.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace as you trust in him, so that you may
overflow with hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**