

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2A

**Present:** Diane, Janice, Trevor, Fiona, Sam, Linda and Teena. (Social distancing practiced)

**WELCOME** - Diane

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Reginald Heber Music: John B. Dykes

**1 Holy, holy, holy!**

**Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning**

**Our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy!**

**Merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons,**

**Blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy!**

**All the saints adore thee,**

**Casting down their golden crowns**

**Around the glassy sea;**

**Cherubim and seraphim**

**Falling down before thee,**

**Which wert, and art,**

**And evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy!**

**Though the darkness hide thee,**

**Though the eye of sinful man**

**Thy glory may not see,**

**Only thou art holy;**

**There is none beside thee,**

**Perfect in power,**

**In love and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy!**

**Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name,**

**In earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy!**

**Merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons,**

**Blessed Trinity.**

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**PRAISING GOD** - Diane

**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** - Janice

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**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (NIV)

**Mark 8:27-29**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

<sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** – Trevor

"The desire to believe in something"

Sermon series: "What makes people tick"

**This I Believe**

Ben Fielding | Matt Crocker

**1 Our Father everlasting**

**The all creating one**

**God Almighty**

**Through your Holy Spirit**

**Conceiving Christ the Son**

**Jesus our saviour**

*Chorus 1*

**I believe in God our Father**

**I believe in Christ the Son**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**

**Our God is three in one**

**I believe in the resurrection**

**That we will rise again**

**For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**2 Our judge and our defender**

**Suffered and crucified**

**Forgiveness is in you**

**Descended into darkness**

**You rose in glorious life**

**Forever seated high**

*Chorus 1*

**I believe in you**

**I believe you rose again**

**I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

*Repeat*

**For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**For I believe in the name of Jesus**

*Chorus 2*

**I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in your holy church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus**

*Chorus 1*

**For I believe in the name of Jesus**

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## **PRAYING TO GOD - Diane**

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.**

## **PRAYING TO GOD** continued - Fiona

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.**

### ***Set prayer for the Day***

Almighty God, you show to those who are  
in error the light of your truth so that they  
may return into the way of righteousness:  
grant to all who are admitted into the  
fellowship of Christ's service that they may  
renounce those things that are contrary to  
their profession and follow all such things  
that are agreeable to it; through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter page 214 AAPB*

*Further prayers are read for our community,  
our nation and our world - Fiona*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor**

*The Offertory Song*

### **Across the Lands**

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

**1 You're the word of God the Father  
From before the world began.  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice!**

*Chorus*

**You're the author of creation;  
You're the Lord of everyone;  
And your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.**

**2 Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry;  
With a word you calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently you suffered  
That the guilty may go free! *Chorus***

**3 With a shout you rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven,  
Leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father,  
Interceding for your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation,  
You are leading sinners home!**

*Chorus x 2*

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## **GOING OUT TO SERVE - Diane**

**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.**

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