

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 10 September 2023

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2B
from Common Prayer

WELCOME – Fiona

(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 Fiona. Helping me in today's service are our musicians Adele, Young-Lan and Rosemary. Reading to us from the Bible will be Janice, leading us in prayer is Young-Lan and Trevor 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 – Fiona

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER - Fiona

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE – Fiona

Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered.

Psalm 108:6

Please stand and let us sing our first song

How Great is Our God

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

**The splendour of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice**

**He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice
And trembles at his voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God**

**And age to age he stands
And time is in his hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end**

**The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb** *Chorus x 2*

**Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing**

How great is our God *repeat*

Chorus x 2

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GREETING TIME – Fiona

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you. The children leave us now for Kid's Church.

PRAISING GOD – Fiona

Please be seated. Let's say together...

**You are worthy our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and
power, for you created all things
and by your will they were created
and have their being. You are worthy,
Lamb of God, for you were slain, and
with your blood you ransomed people
for God from every tribe and language
and people and nation. To him who
sits upon the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour and glory and
power, forever and ever. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD - Fiona

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.**

Our Bible reading this morning is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 10, verses 1 to 13. Found on page 1149 of the pew Bibles, or follow along on the screen or on the handout in your News and Notes.

(Bible Reader comes forward unannounced and reads the Bible reading)

Bible Reading - Janice

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be

tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (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 – Trevor
Lead us not into temptation

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

A PSALM – Fiona

Join me in saying Psalm 108.

**My heart, O God, is steadfast;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, higher than the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.
Save us and help us with your right hand,
that those you love may be delivered.**
(NIV) *Psalm 108:1-6*

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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Please remain standing as we say together what we believe...

WHAT WE BELIEVE - Fiona

**We believe in one God,
who made us and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died
and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out
God's people, and brings
all things to their true end.
This is our faith,
the faith of the Church.
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**
*(A simplified affirmation of Faith from
Page 87 of Common Prayer)*

Please be seated

PRAYING TO GOD – Fiona

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my

transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Psalm 32:1-5*

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.

(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and continues prayer)

Further Prayer – Diane

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray.

Lord, teach us to 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 for the strength to do God's will.

Almighty and ever-living God, strengthen our faith, hope and love. May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us and enter more fully the life you promise. 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 day.*

(Further prayers for our community, the mission focus, Anglicare Chaplaincy, Government, our world, local community and for the church. When finished prayer leader returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward to give announcements and introduce last song)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Fiona

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm 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.**

Chorus

**My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour has ransomed
me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures. *Chorus x 2***

**The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow**

**The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.**

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that those you love may be delivered.

Psalms 108:6

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Fiona

Together...

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

Romans 15:13