

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 11 December 2022

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME - Diane

What Love My God

Robinson, Thompson, 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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AN INTRODUCTION

*Bible Teacher gives a brief "all age
focused" introduction to the Bible
Teaching for today.*

*Prayers for Kids' Church. As the children
and teachers leave people take a
moment to greet the people nearby them.*

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 - Lynn

Ephesians 6:21-24 – page 1177

²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful
servant in the Lord, will tell you
everything, so that you also may know
how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am
sending him to you for this very purpose,
that you may know how we are, and that
he may encourage you.

²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and
love with faith from God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who
love our Lord Jesus Christ with an
undying love. (NIV)

Proverbs 3:1-6 – page 630

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
² for they will prolong your life many years

and bring you peace and prosperity.

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave
you; bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ Then you will win favour and a good
name in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.(NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching – Trevor

Ephesians 6:21-24

The Faithful Servant in the Lord

Psalm 105:1-4

**Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his
name; make known among the nations
what he has done.**

**Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

**Glory in his holy name; let the hearts
of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always. (NIV)**

Live for the Kingdom

Rob Smith

**Hear the good news, repent and
believe**

**Follow the Saviour and everything
leave**

**Taking the yoke that's easy and light
Dressed for the battle, equipped for
the fight**

**Learn from the master to sacrifice all
Gladly obeying his call.**

Chorus

**Now is the moment, the day of the
salvation**

**This is the hour to be serving the king
Bearing the gospel, go to the nations
Now is the time for our tribute to bring
And live for the kingdom
And give God the glory
and honour and praise
Live for the kingdom, all of our days.**

**Love one another, care for the lost
Learn to live simply and carry your
cross**

**Jesus is near, so stand and be strong
Lift up your hearts in the victory song
When you're mistreated, be certain to
bless**

Seeking his righteousness. *Chorus*

**Learn to pray daily, your kingdom
come**

**And may your will on this earth soon
be done**

**Forgive our sins as we forgive
Strengthen us while in these bodies
we live**

**So we might work for that glorious day
When sin and death pass away. *Chorus***

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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

Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at
the coming of Christ.

**Lord God, may we, your people, who
look forward to the birthday of Christ,
experience the joy of salvation and
celebrate the feast with love and
thanksgiving. 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. *AAPB page 183***

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Diane

Sentence of Scripture for today

Let love and faithfulness never leave you.
Proverbs 3:3a

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*

Servants of the Gospel

Bryson Smith, Philip Percival

**Though we were undeserving
Christ died to wash us clean
He bore the Father's anger
While nailed upon the tree
In darkness and in turmoil
The judgment fell on Him
Bringing us forgiveness
That new life might begin**

Chorus

**As servants of the gospel
Christ's work we carry on
That through our prayer and witness
By grace we might win some
We call on every nation
To turn to Christ the Lord
Refuge in His mercy
And marvel at His love**

**The grave could not contain Him
From death the Son broke free
Exalted by His Father
To rule eternally
And in His grace He calls us**

**To be His chosen church
As His holy temple
His priests to all the earth** *Chorus*

**Marked with His Holy Spirit
And guided by His word
Christ gathers us together
Prepares us for good works
And so with grace apportioned
We serve each other's needs
Sharing in each blessing
And helping in our grief** *Chorus*

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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.**