

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 11 February 2024

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2A
from Common Prayer

WELCOME – Young-Lan

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

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. *Psalms 119:1*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praise
My great redeemer's praise
The glories of our God and king,
The triumphs of his grace!
The triumphs of his grace!
The triumphs of his grace!**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me
His blood availed for me
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive
New life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe
The humble poor believe
The humble poor believe.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears.
'Tis life and health and peace
'Tis life and health and peace
'Tis life and health and peace.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,**

**And leap, ye lame, for joy
And leap, ye lame, for joy
And leap, ye lame, for joy.**

**My gracious master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of your name
The honours of your name
The honours of your name.**

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PRAISING GOD

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

**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.**

KID'S SPOT AND SONG

GREETING TIME

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you. Kids and Youth leave for Kid's Church and Bible Study.

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.**

Our Bible reading this morning is 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5. Please open your Bibles at page 1199 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 - Leo

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the

dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:
2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (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
What is this book the Bible? The Bible Sermon series – Back to Basics

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

A PSALM

Join me in saying Psalm 119:1-8 together.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

**Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—
they do no wrong
but follow his ways.
You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.
Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!
Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.
I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.
I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me. (NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning so now and forevermore. Amen.

Please stand and let us sing again.

God Has Spoken!
G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

**God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
In the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor still holds fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one:
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,**

**Light of light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.**

**God is speaking - by his Spirit
Speaking to our hearts again;
In the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

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

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*

Please be seated.

PRAYING TO GOD

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”. *1 John 1:8,9*

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” *Isaiah 1:18*

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.

**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 that all mankind may be
enlightened by the Gospel.

God of power and life, glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour, and show the nations the light of your truth. 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.**

Prayer for 6th Sunday after Epiphany

(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

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

Thy Word
Amy Grant

Chorus
**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end**

Chorus

**I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering**

**Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end**

Chorus x 2
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Together...

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.

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