

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

**Sunday 14 April 2024**

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2B  
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 Fiona, Rosemary and Linda.  
Charlie will read to us from the Bible, and Simon will lead us in prayer.  
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

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

## MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

## SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Do good to your servant according to your word, Lord. Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.  
*Psalm 119:65-66*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

## Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

Glover | Wesley | Darwall | Percival

**Rejoice, the Lord is king!  
Your Lord and king adore!  
Mortals give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns  
The God of truth and love  
When he had purged our stains  
He took his seat above  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and heaven  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand  
Til all his foes submit  
And bow to his command  
And fall beneath his feet  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the judge shall come  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home  
We soon shall hear the archangel's  
voice!  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

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## PRAISING GOD

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 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.**

## KID'S SPOT AND SONG

## GREETING TIME

## 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 Acts 1:1-12 You will find it on page 1090 of the pew Bibles or follow along on the screen or on the handout in your News & Notes.

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

## Bible Reading – Charlie

## Acts 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

<sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This

same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. (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  
“Really Alive, Really Returning”

*(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward and invites congregation to say the psalm together and song)*

**A PSALM** – Young-Lan

**Do good to your servant according to your word, Lord. Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. The law from your mouth is more**

**precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. (NIV)**

*Psalm 119:65-72*

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.

**We Declare**

Glover, Chapman

*Chorus*

**So we declare the praises  
Of Jesus Saviour and King  
He is the cornerstone, Hallelujah  
And now we stand as his church  
Until the day when he comes in glory,  
Hallelujah**

**We are his kingdom we are his bride  
For us he paid the price  
For us he bled and died  
We are his people his treasured prize  
For us he conquered sin  
For he is risen  
With thankfulness we will sing  
With thankfulness we will sing** *Chorus*

**We are a priesthood, beloved ones  
He draws the scattered near  
He builds his kingdom here  
A holy nation now set apart  
To be his hands and feet  
To speak his mercy  
With thankfulness we will sing  
Adopted now we are his** *Chorus x 2*

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

**WHAT WE BELIEVE**

**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**

“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** – Simon

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 that Christ will give us a share  
in his glory.

God our Father, may we look forward with  
hope to our resurrection, for you have  
made us your sons and daughters, and  
restored the joy of our youth. 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 2nd Sunday after Easter*

*(Further prayers for our community, mission focus,  
government, our world, local community and for  
the church. When finished prayer leader returns to  
congregation and service leader comes forward to  
give announcements and introduce last song)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Young-Lan**

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

### **See Him Coming**

Mark Peterson

**Glory and power to the One who loves  
us  
Honour and praise him forever  
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus**

**Glory and power to the One who freed  
us  
From all our sins by his blood  
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus**

*Chorus*

**See him coming on the clouds of  
heaven  
Every eye behold him now  
He's the living One the first and last  
Who once was dead, but now he lives  
forever and ever**

**Glory and power to the One who made  
us  
A kingdom and priests for God's  
service  
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus**

*Chorus*

**Jesus is the living one  
Who died and came alive  
Jesus is the Almighty Lord  
Who was, and is to come! Repeat**

*Chorus x 2*

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## **SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

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word, Lord. Teach me knowledge and  
good judgment, for I trust your commands.  
*Psalms 119:65-66*

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

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*