

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 14 August 2022

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME - Teena

10,000 Reason (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship his holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

**The sun comes up it's a new day
dawning**

It's time to sing your song again

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me**

**Let me be singing when the evening
comes** *Chorus*

**You're rich in love and you're slow to
anger**

**Your name is great and your heart is
kind**

**For all your goodness I will keep on
singing**

**Ten thousand reasons for my heart to
find** *Chorus*

**And on that day when my strength is
failing**

**The end draws near and my time has
come**

**Still my soul will sing your praise
unending**

**Ten thousand years and then
forevermore**

Chorus

Worship your holy name

Lord I'll worship your holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

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AN INTRODUCTION

Children leave for Kid's 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 Reading - Simon

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road - the desert road - that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,

so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ^[37] ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching – David Anthonisz
Acts 8:26-40 - "Philip and an Ethiopian"
Sermon Series: That you might be certain of the things you have been taught

Psalm 119:33-40

**Teach me, Lord,
the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.**

Give me understanding,
so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.
Direct me in the path
of your commands,
for there I find delight.
Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.
Turn my eyes away
from worthless things;
preserve my life
according to your word.
Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.
Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.
How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my
life. (NIV)

Tell Out My Soul

Timothy Dudley-Smith

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit
voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my saviour shall my heart
rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his
name!
Make known his might, the deeds his
arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the
same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty
one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his
might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory
by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are
put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
Tell out, my soul, the glories of his
word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy
sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the
Lord
To children's children and
forevermore!**
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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, nation and world*

Prayers - Fiona

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray that we will make good use of
the gifts that God has given us.

God our Father and protector, without you
nothing is holy, nothing has value. Guide
us to everlasting life by helping us to use

wisely the blessings you have given to
the world. 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.**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS - Teena

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*

You Never Change

Rob Smith

**Light of the world, Lord of all love
Heavenly Son, sent from above
We are your bride, bought at great
cost
Saved by your blood, born of your
cross
Gathered as one we bring you praise
All of our lives, all of our days**

Chorus

**For you never change – yesterday,
today and forever
Always the same – yesterday, today
and forever
Jesus our Lord, faithful and true
Day after day your mercies are new
We worship your name
You never change**

**Shepherd and friend, saviour and king
Shelter we've found under your wings
You never fail, slumber or sleep
Year after year, leading your sheep
Lord we are yours, we're not our own
You are our rock, you are our home**

Chorus

**Hear us, we pray, 'Lord Jesus come'
Heaven come down, your will be done
Gather your church, saved by your
power
Carried through time, kept for this
hour
When we will rise, seeing your face
Casting our crowns, praising your
grace** *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.**

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