

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus Christ

Sunday 14th June 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2B

Involved: Diane, Teena, Linda, Rosemary,
Dan and Trevor.

WELCOME - Diane

Come People of the Risen King

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

**Come people of the risen king
who delight to bring him praise
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the morning star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Let every tongue rejoice

One heart one voice

O Church of Christ rejoice.

**Come those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
and those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change
and his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace. *Chorus***

**Come young and old from every land
men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
find the riches of his grace**

**Over all the world his people sing
shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age
our God is all in all. *Chorus x 2***

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PRAISING GOD – Diane

Praise God together with me...

**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 on the throne
and to the Lamb
be praise and honour and glory and power
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Revelation 4:11,5:9,13

Brief Interview with Dan by Trevor

HEARING GOD'S WORD - Trevor

Thank you, 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 – Trevor

Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'" (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADDRESS - Missionary Awareness

Guest Speaker – Rev Dan Arthur
Mission Facilitator for the Church Missionary Society CMS NSW

Across the Lands

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend.

**You're the word of God the Father
from before the world began
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice
let the skies declare your glory
let the land and seas rejoice.**

Chorus:

***You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
and your cry of love rings out
across the lands***

**Yet you left the gaze of angels
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry
with a word you calmed the sea
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free. *Chorus***

**With a shout you rose victorious
wrestling victory from the grave
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own
from each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. *Chorus x 2***
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WHAT WE BELIEVE - Diane

Let us state 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 again 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.

PRAYING TO GOD - Diane

“If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves at the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”
1 John 1:8,9

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.**

FURTHER PRAYER - Teena

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Psalm 96:1-4

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

The Prayer for the Day

Let us pray for the grace to follow Christ more closely...

Almighty God, our hope and our strength, without you we falter. Help us to follow Christ and to live according to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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Further prayers for the world, the community, the church and the spread of the gospel are read by Teena.

Please join with me in praying the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us...

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor

Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725-1807)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear His grace my fears relieved how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through every danger, trial and snare I have already come His grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures my shield and stronghold he shall be as long as life endures.

And when this earthly life is past And mortal cares shall cease I shall possess with Christ at last eternal joy and peace.

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Diane

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.
Romans 15.13

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

*catholic = literally "of the whole," universal, complete