

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 15 May 2022

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3

## WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Trevor

### Come Praise and Glorify

Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

**Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ he has in heavenly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in his sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally**

### Chorus

**To the praise of your glory  
To the praise of your mercy and grace  
To the praise of your glory  
You are the God who saves**

**Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives his grace in Christ  
In him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In him God has made known to us  
The mystery of his will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfil** *Chorus*

**Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the word  
And through our faith we have a seal**

**The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the three in one** *Chorus x2*  
© 2011 Sovereign Grace Music

## AN INTRODUCTION

### KIDS' SONG

### PRAYER for Kid's Church - Trevor

*Children leave for Kid's Church. As the children and teachers leave people take a moment to greet the people nearby them.*

### GREETING – Teena

### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

We have come together to meet with God and to take our part in the building of his church. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us acknowledge our failure to serve him as he deserves, and return to the Lord with repentance and faith, praying together,

**Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. God therefore forgives you in Jesus Christ, who shed his blood for us. **Amen.**

Give praise to the Lord, call on his name. **Make known among the nations what he has done.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Heavenly Father,  
give us faith to receive your word, understanding to know what it means, and the will to put it into practice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Bible Reading - Stewart

#### Revelation 5

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll

or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."  
<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

Please stand.  
Let us affirm our Faith together...

**Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible: all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, and the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross. Amen.**

*Colossians 1:15–20 (abbreviated)*

**Sermon**  
Cameron Blair  
*Revelation 5*

## **Psalm 119:121-128**

<sup>121</sup> I have done what is righteous and just; do not leave me to my oppressors.

<sup>122</sup> Ensure your servant's well-being; do not let the arrogant oppress me.

<sup>123</sup> My eyes fail, looking for your salvation, looking for your righteous promise.

<sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant according to your love and teach me your decrees.

<sup>125</sup> I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.

<sup>126</sup> It is time for you to act, Lord; your law is being broken.

<sup>127</sup> Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold,

<sup>128</sup> and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path. (NIV)

**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*  
© 2002**

## **PRAYER**

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.**

*Further prayers are read for our community,  
our nation and our world.*

**Prayers – Trevor**

## **SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Let us pray that we may enjoy true freedom.

God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. 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 214*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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***

Emu Music

Lord God, we rejoice in your greatness  
and power, your patience and love, your  
mercy and justice. Enable us by your

Spirit to honour you in our thoughts,  
words and actions, and to serve you in  
every aspect of our lives; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

---

WP3 - SERVICE OF THE WORD AND PRAYER  
FORM 3{Page 22 Common Prayer 2012} ©  
Archbishop of Sydney's Liturgical Panel 2012.  
Reprinted with permission. Songs used by  
permission. CCL Licence No. 46049