

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

**Sunday 17 September 2023**

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3B  
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 Sam, Rosemary and Trevor. Reading to us from the Bible will be Coral, leading us in prayer is Rosemary and 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

Young-Lan

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

## MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

Young-Lan

*(Service leader reminds congregation of the Monthly Mission Focus for the month – Anglican Police Chaplaincy and the Thomas family in Thailand)*

## SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Young-Lan

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me!” *Psalm 23:4*

Please stand to sing our first song.

## God Is Our Strength and Refuge

Richard Bewes

**God is our strength and refuge,  
Our present help in trouble;  
And we therefore will not fear,  
Though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
Though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!**

**There is a flowing river,  
Within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her -  
She shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
Thrones vanish at his presence -  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!**

**Come, see the works of our maker,  
Learn of his deeds all-powerful:  
Wars will cease across the world  
When he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
Uplift him in the nations -  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!**

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## GREETING TIME – Young-Lan

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you. The children leave us now for Kid's Church.

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD – Young-Lan

Please be seated.

We have come together to meet with God and to take our part in the building of his church. Christ himself bore our sin 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, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

## HEARING GOD'S WORD - Young-Lan

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.**

Our Bible reading this morning is from John, chapter 16, verse 33 to chapter 17, verse 21. Please open your pew Bibles to page 1083 or follow along on the screen.

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

## Bible Reading – Coral

### John 16:33-17:21

<sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

<sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

<sup>20</sup>“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (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**

*Deliver us from evil*

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

**A PSALM – Young-Lan**

Join me in saying Psalm 23.

**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

**he leads me beside quiet waters,**

**he refreshes my soul.**

**He guides me along the right paths**

**for his name’s sake.**

**Even though I walk**

**through the darkest valley,**

**I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies.**

**You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

**Surely your goodness and love will  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever. (NIV)**

Please stand and let us sing again...

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

Keith and Kristen Getty

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will  
hold me fast;**

**When the tempter would prevail, He  
will hold me fast.**

**I could never keep my hold through  
life’s fearful path;**

**For my love is often cold; He must  
hold me fast.**

*Chorus*

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me  
fast;**

**For my Saviour loves me so, He will  
hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ  
will hold me fast;**

**Precious in his holy sight, He will hold  
me fast.**

**He’ll not let my soul be lost; His  
promises shall last;**

**Bought by Him at such a cost, He will  
hold me fast. Chorus**

**For my life He bled and died, Christ  
will hold me fast;**

**Justice has been satisfied; He will hold  
me fast.**

**Raised with Him to endless life, He will  
hold me fast**

**‘Till our faith is turned to sight, When  
He comes at last!**

*Chorus x 2*

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**WHAT WE BELIEVE – Young-Lan**

**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 first born**

**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)*

Please be seated.

*(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and continues in prayer)*

**PRAYING TO GOD – Rosemary**

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.**

Keep your Church, Lord God, with your continual mercy, and because the frailty of humanity without you cannot but fall, keep us always under your protection, and lead us to everything that makes for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Set Prayer for the 15th Sunday after Trinity*

*(Further prayers are read from pages 74 to 86 for our community, the monthly mission focus, Anglican Chaplaincy, Government, our world, local community and for the church. When finished they return to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward to give announcements and introduce last song)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Young-Lan**

Before we go out for morning tea, please stand and let's sing...

### **My Hope Is Built**

E Mote (1797-1874)

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**When darkness seems to veil His face  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the 'whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay  
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**When the last trumpet's voice shall  
sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne.  
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

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## **GOING OUT TO SERVE - Young-Lan**

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that

Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**