

# Abbotsford Anglican Church

## *St Andrews*

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2B

Present only – Trevor, Rosemary, David, Karen,  
Teena and Fiona.

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION - Fiona**

Welcome to church on this first Sunday after Easter. My name is Fiona McGregor and with me today are our musicians Rosemary, Teena and David. During the service Trevor, will bring us this week's Bible Teaching.

Please follow along in your Order of Service, or simply listen in and join in with the "Amen".

Let us begin our time of meeting together with a Sentence of Scripture, an opening prayer and song.

### **SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Fiona**

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

*Psalm 118:24- 25*

### **OPENING PRAYER - Fiona**

Heavenly Father, you have brought us here today. Each time we meet is special. Help us not take this moment with you and your people for granted. Take our anxious thoughts and let us know your peace, your presence and your power. May we listen to your word with expectation, engage in what we pray and say, and worship you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **GREETING - Fiona**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

### **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**

**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**

**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**

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### **PRAISING GOD - Fiona**

Praise God with me. 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 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.**

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD - Fiona**

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.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading - Teena**

#### **John 20:24-31**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading – Karen**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:1-25**

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BIBLE TEACHING - Trevor**

“Do not doubt”

(Sermon Series: Easter Comfort”)

### **Consider Christ**

Bryson Smith

**Consider Christ the source of our salvation  
That he should take the penalty for me  
Though he was pure, a lamb without a blemish  
He took my sins and nailed them to the tree**

#### *Chorus*

**My Lord and God you are so rich in mercy  
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks  
So take my life - transform, renew and change me**

**That I might be a living sacrifice**

**Consider Christ that he could trust his Father**

**In the garden of Gethsemane  
Though full of dread and fearful of the anguish**

**He drank the cup that was reserved for me**

#### *Chorus*

**Consider Christ for death he has defeated  
And he arose, appeared for all to see  
And now he sits at God’s right hand in heaven**

**Where he prepares a resting place for me**

#### *Chorus x 2*

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## **WHAT WE BELIEVE - Fiona**

Apostles’ Creed

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 - Fiona**

“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.**

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\*catholic = literally “of the whole,” universal, complete

## FURTHER PRAYER - *David*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

### **Psalm 145:13-21**

- <sup>13</sup> The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the  
proper time.  
<sup>16</sup> You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.  
<sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
<sup>20</sup> The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever. (NIV)

### *The Prayer for the Day*

God of mercy, you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth in the Spirit,  
and you redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate Christ's resurrection  
increase our awareness of these blessings,  
and renew your gift of life within us.  
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.** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter page 210 AAPB*

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

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*

### **My Hope Is Built**

*E Mote (1797-1874)*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name**

### *Chorus*

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

**His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay *Chorus*  
When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne *Chorus***

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## GOING OUT TO SERVE - *Fiona*

**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.**