

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 19 November 2023

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3B
from Common Prayer.

WELCOME – Simon

(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 Simon.
Helping me in today's service are our musicians Sam and Rosemary.
Reading to us from the Bible will be Irene, leading us in prayer is Fiona and Rev David Anthonisz 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 - Simon

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

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS - Simon

(Service leader reminds congregation of the Mission Focus for the month – Toys n Tucker)

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Simon

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.
Psalm 145:13

Please stand to sing our first song.

Psalm 96

Greg McDonald

**Sing unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord all the earth
Sing to the Lord, bless his name
Tell of His salvation day by day**

**Majesty and honour are his
Strength and beauty, glory and righteousness
Great is the Lord, and deserving of praise
He is to be feared above all gods**

Chorus

**Worship the Lord
In holy array
Tremble before him all the earth
Our God reigns**

**Let all the creation be glad
The earth and the sea sing for joy
Before the Lord, the judge of the earth
Who judges us in righteousness and truth** *Chorus twice*

Our God reigns!

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GREETING TIME – Simon

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

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD – Simon

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 - Simon

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 readings this morning are 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 and Psalm 13.
Please follow along on the insert in your News and Notes, or on the screen.

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

Bible Reading – Irene

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

^{7b} Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then strong I am.
(NIV)

Psalm 13

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to 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

Rev David Anthonisz

Moment and Momentum

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

Please stand and let us sing again...

New Song in My Heart

Rob Smith

**Put a new song in my heart
Let me hear the praises start
Dispel the night
And give me light again**

**Put a new thought in my mind
Help me leave the past behind
And break these chains
That I might live again**

**Lift my fallen face
and help me to stand
Flood me with the grace
That comes from your hand
Cleanse me from my sin
Lord, forgive me again
That I might be yours alone**

**Put a new fire in my soul
Make this wounded spirit whole
And help me see
That I am free again
Let these broken bones
Rise up and rejoice
Bring this captive home
And lift up my voice
Help my spirit sing
Now to Jesus my king
For he has forgiven me**

**Lift my fallen face
and help me to stand
Flood me with the grace
That comes from your hand
Cleanse me from my sin
Lord, forgive me again
That I might be yours alone**

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WHAT WE BELIEVE - Simon

**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 – Fiona

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.**

Lord, we pray, absolve your people from their offences; that through your bountiful goodness we may be set free from the chains of those sins which in our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Set Prayer for the 24th Sunday after Trinity

(Further prayers are read from pages 74 to 86 for our community, the monthly mission focus, 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 – Simon

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

It Is Well With My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)

**When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Chorus

**It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though satan will ruin, though trials
may come**

**Let this blessed assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless
estate**

**And he shed His own blood for my
soul. *Chorus***

**My sin - O the bliss of this glorious
thought**

**My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
more.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my
soul. *Chorus***

**So Lord haste the day when my faith
shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord
shall descend,
“Even so” - it is well with my soul.**

Chorus x 2

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Psalms 145:13

GOING OUT TO SERVE - Simon

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.