

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

Sunday, 1 November 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

WELCOME - Teena

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Daniel 9:9–10

Psalm 100

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love
endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all
generations. (NIV)**

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. So let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together.

**Merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the schemes and desires of our own
hearts and have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to
have done, and we have done
what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who are repentant,
according to the promises
declared to us through your Son
Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on,
we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God and loving Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and sincerely believe your holy gospel. Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that we may live godly, righteous and holy lives, and finally come to your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thank you Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Bible Reading – Kay

James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is

considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching – Stephen Gibson

'Making our walk match our talk'

SONG

On the screen to listen to...but at home sing along!

Undivided

Give me an undivided heart
That I might fear Your name
Teach me to walk in righteous paths
And follow in Your ways
For You are gracious and forgiving
Hear, O Lord, and answer me

Give me an undivided mind
That I might love Your word
Help me to hunger for Your voice
And know Your spirit's sword
For You are good, Your truth unchanging
Life is found in serving You

Undivided

I want to live for You
Single minded
All that I say, all that I do
Sanctify me
Take me and make me new
That I might live for Christ, my Lord

Give me an undivided love
For all that You desire
Make me a living sacrifice
Ignite in me your fire
For you O Lord are God eternal
All my ways are known to You

Undivided
Counting my gains as loss
Single minded
Whatever the pain whatever the cost
Sanctify me
help me take up my cross
live for him who died for me
Emu Music

WHAT WE BELIEVE

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I 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 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.
I 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.**

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

PRAYING FOR GOD' WORLD

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 prayer for our world, community
and church.*

Prayers - David

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Merciful God, it is by your gift alone that
your faithful people offer you true and
acceptable service: grant that we may so
faithfully serve you in this life that we fail
not finally to obtain your heavenly
promises; through the merits of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:
let your glory cover the earth.
Keep our nation under your care:
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth:
your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and truth:
that we may tell of your saving works.
Hear our prayers, O Lord:
for we put our trust in you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Lord Jesus Christ,
send us out with confidence in your word,
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

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