

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 21 March 2021

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3

WELCOME – Teena

Beautiful Saviour

Stuart Townend

All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the fountain of delights
For in my helplessness you heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

I will trust in the cross of my redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end

Chorus

Beautiful Saviour, wonderful counsellor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history
You're the way, the truth, the light
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness
You're the risen one, heaven's champion
And you reign, you reign over all

I long to be where the praise is never-
ending
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades
Where countless worshippers will share
one song

And cries of "worthy" will honour the lamb

Chorus x 3

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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 Readings – Stewart

2 Peter 3:1-18

¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter
to you. I have written both of them as
reminders to stimulate you to wholesome
thinking. ² I want you to recall the words
spoken in the past by the holy prophets and
the command given by our Lord and Savior
through your apostles.

³ Above all, you must understand that in the
last days scoffers will come, scoffing and
following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will
say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised?
Ever since our ancestors died, everything
goes on as it has since the beginning of
creation." ⁵ But they deliberately forget that
long ago by God's word the heavens came
into being and the earth was formed out of
water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also
the world of that time was deluged and
destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present
heavens and earth are reserved for fire,
being kept for the day of judgment and
destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear
friends: With the Lord a day is like a
thousand years, and a thousand years are
like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping
his promise, as some understand
slowness. Instead he is patient with you,

not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone
to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a
thief. The heavens will disappear with a
roar; the elements will be destroyed by
fire, and the earth and everything done in it
will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this
way, what kind of people ought you to be?
You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as
you look forward to the day of God and
speed its coming. That day will bring about
the destruction of the heavens by fire, and
the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in
keeping with his promise we are looking
forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are
looking forward to this, make every effort to
be found spotless, blameless and at peace
with him. ¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's
patience means salvation, just as our dear
brother Paul also wrote you with the
wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the
same way in all his letters, speaking in
them of these matters. His letters contain
some things that are hard to understand,
which ignorant and unstable people distort,
as they do the other Scriptures, to their own
destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have
been forewarned, be on your guard so that
you may not be carried away by the error of
the lawless and fall from your secure
position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be glory both now and
forever! Amen. (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)

Bible Teaching – Trevor

Persist with patience

*(Sermon Series: Grow in grace and
knowledge)*

All That We Need

Bryson Smith and Philip Percival

All that we need for grace in abundance
All that we need for life
All that is needed to be more godly
Comes from knowing Christ

And so for this reason add to faith
perseverance
Grow in the grace of our Lord
And seek to be holy, to make sure of your
calling
Grow in the knowledge of Christ
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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 - Diane

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray for the zeal to follow Christ

Father, help us to be like Christ your Son,
who loved the world and died for our
salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us
by his example, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.** *AAPB page 199*

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*
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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.