

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 21 May 2023

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

WELCOME – Diane

(Service Leader welcomes people to church and introduces people involved in the service)

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING – Diane

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER - Diane

(Service leader reminds congregation of the Mission Focus for the month)

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE – Diane

The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

Psalms 146:9

Please stand and let us sing our first song

We Declare

Glover, Chapman

Chorus

**So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone, Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory,
Hallelujah**

**We are his kingdom we are his bride
For us he paid the price
For us he bled and died
We are his people his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin
For he is risen**

**With thankfulness we will sing
With thankfulness we will sing** *Chorus*

**We are a priesthood, beloved ones
He draws the scattered near
He builds his kingdom here
A holy nation now set apart
To be his hands and feet
To speak his mercy**

**With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted now we are his** *Chorus x 2*
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GREETING TIME – Diane

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

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD – Diane

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 - Diane

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 13, verses 1 to 17. Please open your Bibles to page 1079 or follow along on the screen, or from the handout inside your News and Notes.

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

Bible Reading - Stewart

John 13:1-17 – page 1079

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (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 – Cameron Blair
Mission Focus on Pioneers and ministry to refugees.

(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...

Oh How Good It Is
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**Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of his presence here
among us**

Chorus
**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Till the whole earth sees
The redeemer has come
For he dwells in the presence of his people**

**Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging** *Chorus*

**Oh how good it is
To embrace his command
To prefer one another
Forgive as he forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit** *Chorus*

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WHAT WE BELIEVE - Diane

**Jesus Christ, in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own
advantage; rather,
he made himself nothing
by taking on the nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance
as a man, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God exalted him
to the highest place
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Philippians 2:6-11

Please be seated.

(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and continues in prayer)

PRAYING TO GOD – Young-Lan

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.**

Gracious God, thank you for bringing to our country people from many races and cultures. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that so easily divides us. Increase in us true humility and love for strangers. Remove racism from our midst, that we may share this land and its bounty, and all may hear the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ and know his love. **Amen.**

Set Prayer for the day Page 78 Common Prayer

(Further prayers are read from pages 74 to 86 for our world, community, Federal, State or Local government as per News & Notes, Mission focus and Anglican Chaplaincy focus for the month, the church and general prayer for all in need. When finished the prayer leader returns to the congregation and service leader comes forward for announcements and to introduce last song)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Diane

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

Across the Lands

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

**You're the word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of your voice:
Let the skies declare your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!**

Chorus

**You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of everyone;
And your cry of love rings out
across the lands.**

**Yet you left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
With a word you calmed the sea.
Yet how silently you suffered
That the guilty may go free. *Chorus***

**With a shout you rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father
Interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. *Chorus***

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GOING OUT TO SERVE - Diane

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.**

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE – Diane

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