

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Sunday, 26th April 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3B

Present: Teena, Rosemary, Sam, Young-Lan, Trevor,
David and Diane

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Teena

Welcome to church on this Second Sunday after Easter. My name is Teena Jones and with me today are our musicians Sam, Rosemary and Young Lan, and our Bible Reader is David. Reading prayers is Diane, and bringing us today's Bible Teaching later in the service is Trevor.

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

God's word calls us to "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing to the glory of his name: give to him glorious praise".

Psalm 66:1-2

Let us begin by doing just that.

Worthy of All Praise

Rob Smith

**1 Jesus, Lord of creation,
King of salvation,
Great God of grace.
Messiah, promised redeemer
Our risen saviour,
Author of peace.**

Chorus

**You are worthy of all praise,
Worthy of all honour,
Worthy of glory, wisdom and strength.
And so we'll sing through endless days
That you alone are worthy;
Worthy of all power,
Worthy of all praise.**

**2 For you sought us, wonderfully bought us
You paid for us dearly,
The price was your blood.**

**And you freed us, brought us to pardon,
Back to the garden,
Safe in your love. *Chorus***

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Teena

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

Teena

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

John 21:1-25

David

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same

with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." ²³ Because of this, the rumour spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. (NIV)

1 Peter 1:1-9

David

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the
provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia
and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according
to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be
obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his
blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us
new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and
into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil
or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for
you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's
power until the coming of the salvation that is
ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this
you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while
you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of
trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven
genuineness of your faith—of greater worth
than gold, which perishes even though refined
by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor
when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you
have not seen him, you love him; and even
though you do not see him now, you believe in
him and are filled with an inexpressible and
glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end
result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
(NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Teena

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 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.

Colossian 1:15-20 (abbreviated)

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Diane

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.**

Set prayer for the day

Let us pray.

God our Father, may we look forward with hope
to our resurrection, for you have made us your
sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our
youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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FURTHER PRAYER - Diane

Prayer for God's world, his church and each other.

Be Still My Soul

Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel

**Be still my soul the Lord is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to your God to order and provide
In every change he faithful will remain
Be still my soul your best your heavenly
friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end
Be still my soul the Father undertakes
To guide the future as he has the past
Your hope your confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul
The winds and waves still know his voice
Who ruled them while he dwelt below
Be still my soul the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are
gone
All sorrow past love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are
past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last
We shall meet at last
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last
Be still my soul**

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TEACHING THE FAITH – Trevor

“Do not give up”
(Sermon Series: Easter Comfort”)

The Offertory Song

Never Alone

Richardson & Percival

**1 We're not alone, for Christ is here
Immanuel our God come near
We're not alone, for to our world
Jesus has come, eternal word.
And as he speaks, our souls laid bare
Naked, ashamed, sin is made clear
And yet he clothes us in his love
Never alone, Christ is with us, is with us.**

**2 The longest walk, earth's darkest day
The pressing crowd, his mounting pain.
A heavy load of grief and shame
Breathless that we should breathe again.
“Father forgive them,” comes his cry
Silence from God blackens the sky.
A creeping dread in every heart
Lost in the world now God departs, God
departs.**

**3 The dawn will come, the sun will rise
Out of the grave we'll see hope's light.
Tomb opened wide, stone rolled away
Morning has come, a brand new day.
“He isn't here,” the angel said.
“He is alive no longer dead.”
Our hearts are lifted, souls raised high
Christ is with us, Christ is our life, he's our
life.**

**4 Never alone, is now our cry
In joy, in grief, in lonely sin.
Never alone, for Christ is ours
He lives in us, we live in him.
And 'til we reach that final day
When fears are gone, cast far away
We'll live secure, trust in his love,
Never alone, Christ is with us, he's with us.**

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Teena

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.**

Romans 15:5-6