

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 26 May 2024

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

WELCOME – Roy

(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 Roy.

Helping me in today's service are our
musicians Adele and Young-Lan.
Reading to us from the Bible will be
Margie, leading us in prayer is Young-
Lan. Michael will bring our Bible teaching.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican Church
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

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

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

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

You are a chosen people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God's special

possession, that you may declare the
praises of him who called you out of
darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith and Thompson

**Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make
every king bow down
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles
Only a holy God**

**What other beauty
demands such praises
What other splendour
outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God**

Chorus

**Come and behold him
The one and the only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God**

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God** *Chorus x 2*

**Who else could rescue
me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God**

Only my holy God! *Chorus*

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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.**

GREETING TIME

Please, take a moment to greet the
people near you.

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.**

Our Bible reading this morning is
Mark 5:1-20. Please open your Bibles to
page 1006 or follow along on the screen,
or on the insert in your News & Notes.

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

Bible Reading - Margie

Mark 5:1-20

¹ They went across the lake to the region
of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out
of the boat, a man with an impure
spirit came from the tombs to meet
him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no
one could bind him anymore, not even
with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been
chained hand and foot, but he tore the
chains apart and broke the irons on his
feet. No one was strong enough to
subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the
tombs and in the hills he would cry out
and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he
ran and fell on his knees in front of
him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice,
"What do you want with me, Jesus, Son

of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰ So the man went away

and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. (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 – Michael

Jesus confronts demons
Sermon series – Storming Satan's Strongholds

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

A PSALM

Join me in saying Psalm 119:113-120 together.

**I hate double-minded people,
but I love your law.
You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.
Away from me, you evildoers, that I
may keep the commands of my God!
Sustain me, my God, according to
your promise, and I will live;
do not let my hopes be dashed.
Uphold me, and I will be delivered;
I will always have regard for your
decrees.
You reject all who stray from your
decrees,
for their delusions come to nothing.
All the wicked of the earth you discard
like dross;**

**therefore I love your statutes.
My flesh trembles in fear of you;
I stand in awe of your laws. (NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning so now and
forevermore. Amen.**

Please stand and let us sing again...

In His Name

Woodhouse, Walter & Perkins

**The prophets saw in ages past
Light in the distant dawn
The King is bound in agony
Will rise to life again
And in his name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan**

Chorus

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praises
O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praises**

**The Son of God now in the flesh
He seeks to save the lost
A King who left his majesty
Behind to set us free
And in his name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan *Chorus***

**His Spirit gives us words to speak,
'Jesus Christ is Lord'
And as he breaks the hardest heart**

**He's worshipped and adored
And in his name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan *Chorus x 2*
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WHAT WE BELIEVE

**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.

**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.**

Let us pray to the one God, Father, Son,
and Spirit, that our lives may bear witness
to our faith.

Father, you sent your Word to bring us
truth and your Spirit to make us holy.
Through them we come to know the
mystery of your life. Help us to worship
you, one God in three Persons, by
proclaiming and living our faith in you.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. **Amen.** *Trinity Sunday*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Draw attention to the News and Notes and any
announcement slides)*

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

May the Mind of Christ My Saviour

Katie Barclay Wilkinson

**May the mind of Christ my saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say, all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power, only through
his power.**

**May the peace of God my father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing, sick and
sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self-abasing
This is victory, this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go, as I onward go.**

**May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him, seeing only him.**

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

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.**