

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 29 November

Service of Word and Prayer Form 4

WELCOME- Teena

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

We have come together as the church of God to fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, to encourage one another to hold fast to the hope he has given us, and to spur one another to love and good deeds.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of 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 again 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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gracious God, your word is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. Today, when we hear your voice, deliver us from hardness of heart. Help us to put away everything that keeps us from persevering in your way, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BIBLE READING – Brian

Romans 15:1-13

¹ We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;

I will sing the praises of your name."

¹⁰ Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Live the right life when hurt by others

Sermon Series: Righteousness Revealed"

SONG

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

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
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CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us
as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy,
you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you
and serve you as we should.**

**Forgive us our sins
and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow
as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ was sacrificed once
and for all to bear the sins of many. God
therefore forgives those who look to his
Son for mercy. **Amen.**

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

**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 God's world, his church,
the community, & the spread of the gospel.*

Prayers - Rosemary

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All-powerful God, increase our strength of
will for doing good that Christ may find an
eager welcome at his coming and call us to
his side in the kingdom of heaven, where
he lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen. *AAPB page 180*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Since we are receiving a kingdom that
cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful, and so serve God in a
way that is pleasing to him
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire. **Amen.**