

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Sunday 2 April 2023

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

WELCOME - Diane

Service Leader invites Bible Teacher up to give a brief "all age focussed" introduction to the Bible Teaching for today.

Sentence of Scripture for today

Jesus prayed, 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.' *John 17:24*

Lift up your Heads

Michael Morrow

Why should the gates of heaven be closed?

Is there no one pure?

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?

Is there no one worthy?

Chorus

Look now! Lift up your heads!

The king is returning,

The king is returning,

Jesus mighty to save!

Riding in glory,

Jesus, the conqu'ring king!

See how he leads the ones he has freed

From the power of sin.
Joy on their face, they follow him in,
The redeemed are singing. *Chorus*

Open, you gates, be lifted you doors,
Let the Son arise,
Heaven, be filled with anthems of joy
To the king of glory! *Chorus*
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Prayers for Kids' Church. As the children and teachers leave people take a moment to greet the people nearby them.

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. So let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together.

Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who are repentant, according to the promises declared to us through your Son Jesus Christ. Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God and loving Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and sincerely believe your holy gospel.
Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that we may live godly, righteous and holy lives, and finally come to your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thank you Father,
for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Reading - Minette

John 17:1-26 – page 1083

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name

you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they

know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching – Trevor
Jesus Prays
Sermon series: God is our Creator who loves and saves his people

Oh The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus
S. T. Francis (1834-1925)

**Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more;
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.**

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by 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 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

PRAYING FOR GOD' WORLD

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 prayer for our world, community
and church.*

Prayers – Fiona

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his passion.
**Almighty, ever-living God, you have
given the human race Jesus Christ our
Saviour as a model of humility.
He fulfilled your will by becoming man
and giving his life on the cross.
Help us to bear witness to you by
following his example of suffering, and
make us worthy to share his
resurrection.**

**We ask 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. AAPB page 201**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:
let your glory cover the earth.
Keep our nation under your care:
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth:
your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and truth:
that we may tell of your saving works.
Hear our prayers, O Lord:
for we put our trust in you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Diane

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I Stand Amazed

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

**I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me
A sinner condemned unclean**

Chorus

**How marvellous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvellous, how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me**

**For me it was in the garden
He prayed not my will but thine
He had no tears for his own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine**

Chorus

**In pity angels beheld him
And came from the world of light
To comfort him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night** *Chorus*

**He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them his very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone** *Chorus*

**When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me** *Chorus*
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Lord Jesus Christ,
send us out with confidence in your word,
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
in the name of Christ. Amen.