

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

Sunday 2nd August 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1A

WELCOME

Diane

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Diane

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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

Bible Reading

Rosemary

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.**

Romans 1:1-17

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in

power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. ⁹ God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is

revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." (NIV 2011)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching

Trevor

"God News from God"

(Sermon Series: "Righteousness Revealed")

SONG – I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

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

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross of Calvary.

Chorus

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory
gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray;
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way. *Chorus*

I was faint and fears possessed me,
I was bruised from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me,
but his love has pardoned all. *Chorus*

Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I often tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led. *Chorus*
Rowley / Prichard, emumusic.com

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Diane

**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

David

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him.

Psalms 145:17-20a

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.**

We praise you, Lord of all, for the gifts of Christ our ascended King: for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Hear our prayer for all who do not know your love and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Send out your light and truth through the messengers of your word; help us to support them by our prayers and offerings, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A set prayer for today page 91 AAPB

Further prayer for our world, community and church, COVID-19 and mission focus for August - according to pages 77-87 in Common Prayer or suitable alternatives.

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

Trevor

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Diane

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed,
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this week in love
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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