

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

Sunday 4th October 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

WELCOME - Teena

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. *Daniel 9:9–10*

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." *Acts 17:30–31*

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*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8–9*

**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 – David

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

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

Bible Teaching - Trevor

‘Remember, God keeps us right with God.’
Sermon Series: Righteousness Revealed

SONG

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Bob Kauflin

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God

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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'S 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 - Rosemary

SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, creator of all things and
giver of every good and perfect gift, hear
with favour the prayers of your people, that
we who are justly punished for our
offences may mercifully be delivered by
your goodness, for the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
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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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**