

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Growing together as followers of Jesus

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Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

WELCOME - Fiona

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near; let the
wicked forsake his way, and the
unrighteous man his thoughts; let him
return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him, and to our God, for he
will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah 55:6-7*

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

Romans 5:1-21

¹ Therefore, since we have been
justified through faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have gained access by
faith into this grace in which we now
stand. And we boast in the hope of the
glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also
glory in our sufferings, because we know

that suffering produces perseverance;
⁴ perseverance, character; and character,
hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to
shame, because God's love has been
poured out into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit, who has been given to us.
⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we
were still powerless, Christ died for the
ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a
righteous person, though for a good person
someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But
God demonstrates his own love for us in
this: While we were still sinners, Christ died
for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his
blood, how much more shall we be saved
from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if,
while we were God's enemies, we were
reconciled to him through the death of his
Son, how much more, having been
reconciled, shall we be saved through his
life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast
in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received
reconciliation.

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world
through one man, and death through
sin, and in this way death came to all
people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before
the law was given, but sin is not charged
against anyone's account where there is
no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from
the time of Adam to the time of Moses,
even over those who did not sin by
breaking a command, as did Adam, who is
a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if
the many died by the trespass of the one

man, how much more did God's grace and
the gift that came by the grace of the one
man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the
many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be
compared with the result of one man's sin:
The judgment followed one sin and brought
condemnation, but the gift followed many
trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For
if, by the trespass of the one man,
death reigned through that one man, how
much more will those who receive God's
abundant provision of grace and of the gift
of righteousness reign in life through the
one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass
resulted in condemnation for all people, so
also one righteous act resulted in
justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For
just as through the disobedience of the one
man the many were made sinners, so also
through the obedience of the one man the
many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the
trespass might increase. But where sin
increased, grace increased all the
more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in
death, so also grace might reign through
righteousness to bring eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Teaching - Trevor

'God makes us right with God.'
(*Sermon Series: Righteousness revealed*)

SONG

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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 - Teena

Set prayer for the day

Lord, we pray, absolve your people from
their offences; that through your bountiful
goodness we may be set free from the
chains of those sins which in our frailty we
have committed; grant this, heavenly
Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our
Lord and Saviour. **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.**