

# Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

*Growing together as followers of Jesus*

## Sunday 7 August 2022

Service of Word and Prayer Form 1

**WELCOME** - Fiona

**All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

William Kethe | Alan Glover

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,  
Come now before him and rejoice!**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
He formed us all without our aid.  
We are the flock he comes to feed  
The sheep who by his hand were made.**

*Chorus*

**O let the earth rejoice,  
Lift up your voice  
And magnify his holy name. *Repeat***

**O enter then his gates with joy,  
Within his courts his praise proclaim!  
Let thankful songs your tongues  
employ.**

**O bless and magnify his name! *Chorus***

**Because the LORD our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His faithfulness at all times stood  
And shall from age to age endure.**

*Chorus*

**Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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### AN INTRODUCTION

*Children leave for Kid's Church. As the children and teachers leave people take a moment to greet the people nearby them.*

### 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*

**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** – Young-Lan

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.**

#### **Acts 8:1-25**

<sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of their killing  
Stephen.

On that day a great persecution broke out  
against the church in Jerusalem, and all  
except the apostles were scattered  
throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly  
men buried Stephen and mourned deeply  
for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the  
church. Going from house to house, he  
dragged off both men and women and put  
them in prison.

<sup>4</sup> Those who had been scattered  
preached the word wherever they went.

<sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria  
and proclaimed the Messiah there.

<sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw  
the signs he performed, they all paid

close attention to what he said. <sup>7</sup> For with  
shrieks, impure spirits came out of many,  
and many who were paralyzed or lame  
were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in  
that city.

<sup>9</sup> Now for some time a man named Simon  
had practiced sorcery in the city and  
amazed all the people of Samaria. He  
boasted that he was someone great,  
<sup>10</sup> and all the people, both high and low,  
gave him their attention and exclaimed,  
“This man is rightly called the Great  
Power of God.” <sup>11</sup> They followed him  
because he had amazed them for a long  
time with his sorcery. <sup>12</sup> But when they  
believed Philip as he proclaimed the good  
news of the kingdom of God and the  
name of Jesus Christ, they were  
baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Simon  
himself believed and was baptized. And  
he followed Philip everywhere,  
astonished by the great signs and  
miracles he saw.

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard  
that Samaria had accepted the word of  
God, they sent Peter and John to  
Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they  
prayed for the new believers there that  
they might receive the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet  
come on any of them; they had simply  
been baptized in the name of the Lord  
Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed  
their hands on them, and they received  
the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> When Simon saw that the Spirit was  
given at the laying on of the apostles’  
hands, he offered them money <sup>19</sup> and

said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

<sup>20</sup> Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!

<sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

<sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

<sup>25</sup> After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages. (NIV)

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

### Bible Teaching – Trevor

"Persecution, Dispersion and Evangelism: God's will be done".

*Sermon Series: That you might be certain of the things you have been taught*

### Psalm 139:1-6,23,24.

**You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out**

**and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for  
me, too lofty for me to attain.  
Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious  
thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.  
(NIV)**

**O Great God**  
Bob Kaufflin

**O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore**

**I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace**

**Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face**

**You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me**

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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

Rosemary

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.**

### PRAYER FOR MOORE COLLEGE

### SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray to be kept faithful in the service of God.

Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope and love. Grant 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 242

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** - Fiona

**All I Am**

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**I have heard your voice Lord Jesus  
Saying in your grace divine  
Do not fear I have redeemed you  
I have called you, you are mine**

**Lord I bring you full allegiance  
Therefore now to you I sing  
Answering yes you have redeemed me  
I am yours my Lord my King**

*Chorus*

**So I come to you Lord Jesus  
Laying in surrender meet  
All I am and have and hope for  
All I love at your dear feet**

**I have nothing worth your taking  
You whom heavenly hosts adore  
But my heart is longing yearning  
To be yours forevermore** *Chorus*

**Yet the offerings here are humble  
Which your children bring to you  
And their best and sweetest praises  
Are but rendered falteringly**

*Chorus*

**But our song shall be triumphant  
When Your glory we will see  
All for Jesus all for Jesus  
Now and through eternity**

*Chorus*

**So we come to you Lord Jesus  
Laying in surrender meet  
All we are and have and hope for  
All we love at your dear feet**

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**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.**