

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 9th August 2020

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

WELCOME - Trevor

Explaining COVID19 Safe Plan for church.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Fiona

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things and by your will
they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and
everlasting God, we thank you for bringing
us safely to this day and gathering us
together once more. We come before you
with praise and thanksgiving. Hear our
prayers, O Lord, for we put our trust in you.
Amen.

PRAISING GOD

Together...

**Gracious God,
we humbly thank you for all your gifts
so freely given to us,
for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation
and human life.**

**But, above all, we praise you for our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit, and
for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy
and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thank you, Heavenly Father that all
Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training
in righteousness. Open our hearts to
receive your word, that we may know you
better and be thoroughly equipped for
every good work, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings – Max

Romans 1:14-32

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.” ¹⁸ For the wrath
of God is being revealed from heaven
against all the godlessness and
wickedness of people, who suppress the
truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what

may be known about God is plain to them,
because God has made it plain to
them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities—his eternal power
and divine nature—have been clearly seen,
being understood from what has been
made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither
glorified him as God nor gave thanks to
him, but their thinking became futile and
their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Although they claimed to be wise, they
became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of
the immortal God for images made to look
like a mortal human being and birds and
animals and reptiles.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the
sinful desires of their hearts to sexual
impurity for the degrading of their bodies
with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the
truth about God for a lie, and worshipped
and served created things rather than the
Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to
shameful lusts. Even their women
exchanged natural sexual relations for
unnatural ones. ²⁷ In the same way the men
also abandoned natural relations with
women and were inflamed with lust for one
another. Men committed shameful acts with
other men, and received in themselves the
due penalty for their error.

²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it
worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God,
so God gave them over to a depraved
mind, so that they do what ought not to be
done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every
kind of wickedness, evil, greed and
depravity. They are full of envy, murder,

strife, deceit and malice. They are
gossips,³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent,
arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of
doing evil; they disobey their parents;³¹ they
have no understanding, no fidelity, no love,
no mercy. ³² Although they know God's
righteous decree that those who do such
things deserve death, they not only
continue to do these very things but also
approve of those who practice them.
(NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Trevor

“God is angry; but do we know it?”

Sermon series: “Righteousness revealed”

SONG – O Great God

Bob Kauflin

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

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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PRAYING TO GOD - Fiona

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”
Isaiah 1:18

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”
Acts 3:19

Dear friends, although we are the people of God, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us with the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives, through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life.

In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should. Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

PRAYING TO GOD continued - Teena

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.

Set prayer for the Day

Merciful Lord, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections. Teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. *Page 50 Common Prayer 2012*

COVID-19 Prayer

Sovereign Lord, you know all things and through all circumstances of life you accompany your people. Prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus. Protect and strengthen those who are treating the sick. Comfort the sick and those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. Give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and grant to your people patience, compliance with instructions and peace, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Further prayers are read for our community, our nation and our world – Teena

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor

Please stand

WHAT WE BELIEVE - Fiona

Do you believe in God the Father?
We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?
We 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
We 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.
**universal, complete*

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Together...
Father, take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**