

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 21 July 2024

Service of Word and Prayer Form 3B
from Common Prayer.

WELCOME – Simon

(Service Leader welcomes people to church and introduces people involved in the service)

Good morning. Welcome to church. A special welcome to those who are listening online. My name is Simon. Helping me in today's service are our musicians Fiona and Young-Lan. Reading to us from the Bible will be Simon, leading us in prayer is Young-Lan and Michael will bring our Bible Teaching.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican are a group of local people of all ages and backgrounds who have come to find meaning and purpose for life by living life God's way according to his word the Bible.

We invite you to know God with us.

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please stand to sing our first song.

Come Praise and Glorify

Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

**Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ he has in heavenly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in his sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally**

Chorus

**To the praise of your glory
To the praise of your mercy and grace
To the praise of your glory
You are the God who saves**

**Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives his grace in Christ
In him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In him God has made known to us
The mystery of his will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfil** *Chorus*

**Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the three in one** *Chorus x2*

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Please be seated.

We have come together to meet with God and to take our part in the building of his church. Christ himself bore our sin in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us acknowledge our failure to serve him as he deserves, and return to the Lord with repentance and faith, praying together...

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Give praise to the Lord, call on his name.
Make known among the nations what he has done.

GREETING TIME

Please, take a moment to greet the people near you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Heavenly Father, give us faith to receive your word, understanding to know what it means, and the will to put it into practice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Bible reading this morning is Philippians 4:4-23.

Please open your pew Bibles to page 1181 or follow along on the screen or in the handout in your News and Notes.

(Bible Reader comes forward unannounced and reads the Bible reading)

Bible Reading – Simon Ip

Philippians 4:4-23.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me.

Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.

¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Bible Reader returns to the congregation and Bible Teacher comes forward)

BIBLE TEACHING – Michael
Confidence and Contentment
Sermon series: Joyful in Jesus

(Bible Teacher returns is seated and Service Leader comes forward to invite congregation to say the Psalm and sing the next song)

A PSALM

Join me in saying Ps119, verses 1 to 8.

**Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.**

**Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—
they do no wrong
but follow his ways.**

**You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.**

**Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!**

**Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.
I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.
I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me. (NIV)**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning so now and
forevermore. Amen.**

Please stand and let us sing again...

Let Your Kingdom Come

Bob Kauflin

**Your glorious cause, O God, engages
our hearts**

**May Jesus Christ be known, wherever
we are**

**We ask not for ourselves, but for your
renown**

**The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come**

Chorus

**Let your kingdom come, let your will
be done**

**So that everyone might know your
name**

**Let your song be heard everywhere on
earth**

**Till your sovereign work on earth is
done**

Let your kingdom come

**Give us your strength, O God, and
courage to speak**

**Perform your wondrous deeds,
through those who are weak**

**Lord, use us as you want, whatever
the test**

**By grace, we'll preach your gospel
Till our dying breath**

Chorus x 2

**Let your kingdom come
Let your kingdom come**

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Please be seated.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

**Christ is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn over all creation.
For in him all things were created,
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible: all things have
been created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all
things hold together.**

**He is the head of the body the church.
He is the beginning, and the first born
from the dead, so that in everything
he might have the supremacy.**

**For God was pleased to have all his
fullness dwell in him, and through him
to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in
heaven, by making peace through his
blood shed on the cross. Amen.**

Colossians 1:15-20 (abbreviated)

*(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and
continues in prayer)*

PRAYING TO GOD – Young-Lan

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray.

Lord, teach us to 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.**

Let us pray for God's care and protection.

Father, your love never fails. Hear our call. Keep us from danger and provide for all our needs. 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.**

Set Prayer for the 8th Sunday after Trinity.

(Further prayers are read for our community, the monthly mission focus, Anglican Chaplaincy, Government, our world, local community and the church. Prayer Leader then returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward to give announcements and introduce last song).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before we go out for morning tea, please stand and let's sing...

In His Name

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**The prophets saw in ages past
Light in the distant dawn
The King is bound in agony
Will rise to life again
And in his name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan**

Chorus

**And O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praises
And O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praises**

**The Son of God now in the flesh
He seeks to save the lost
A King who left his majesty
Behind to set us free
And in his name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan** *Chorus*

**His Spirit gives us words to speak,
'Jesus Christ is Lord'
And as he breaks the hardest heart
He's worshipped and adored
And in his name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan** *Chorus x 2*
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God

and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.