

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday 14 July 2024

Service of Word and Prayer Form 2B
from Common Prayer

WELCOME – Young-Lan

(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 visiting us today or listening online.

My name is Young-Lan.

Helping me in today's service are our musicians Fiona and Linda. Robyn will read to us from the Bible, and Diane will lead us in prayer.

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

(Service leader invites Bible teacher up to give a one-minute intro to their sermon)

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

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this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. *1 John 3:2-3*

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Worthy of all Praise

Rob Smith

**Jesus, Lord of creation,
King of Salvation,
Great God of grace.
Messiah, promised redeemer
Our risen saviour,
Author of peace.**

Chorus

**You are worthy of all praise,
Worthy of all honour,
Worthy of glory, wisdom and strength.
And so we'll sing through endless days
That you alone are worthy;
Worthy of all power,
Worthy of all praise.**

**For you sought us,
wonderfully bought us
You paid for us dearly,
The price was your blood.
And you freed us,
brought us to pardon,
Back to the garden,
Safe in your love.** *Chorus x 2*

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PRAISING GOD

Please be seated. Let's say together...

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

You are worthy, Lamb of God, for you were slain, and with your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

GREETING TIME

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

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.**

Our Bible reading this morning is Philippians 3:12-4:3. You will find it on page 1180 of the pew Bibles or follow along on the screen or on the handout in your News & Notes.

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

Bible Reading – Robyn

Philippians 3:12-4:3

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which

Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the

rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. (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
Going for glory

(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and Service Leader comes forward and invites congregation to say the psalm together and song)

PSALM 119:169-176

**May my cry come before you, Lord;
give me understanding according to
your word.
May my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.
May my lips overflow with praise,
for you teach me your decrees.
May my tongue sing of your word,
for all your commands are righteous.
May your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
I long for your salvation, Lord,
and your law gives me delight.
Let me live that I may praise you,
and may your laws sustain me.
I have strayed like a lost sheep.
Seek your servant, for I have not
forgotten your commands. (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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
Robinson, Thompson and Farren

**What gift of grace is Jesus my
redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to
give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed
To this I hold, my shepherd will defend
me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won,
And I shall overcome!
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been
paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the
grave**

**To this I hold, my sin has been
defeated**

**Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me
home
And day by day I know he will renew
me
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete,
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Repeat
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Please remain standing as we say
together what we believe...

WHAT WE BELIEVE

**We believe in one God,
who made us and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died
and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips
and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith,
the faith of the Church.
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*(A simplified affirmation of Faith from
Page 87 of Common Prayer)*

Please be seated

PRAYING TO GOD

"Blessed is the one whose transgressions
are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord
does not count against them and in whose
spirit is no deceit.
When I kept silent, my bones wasted
away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy
on me; my strength was sapped as in the
heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and
did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to
the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin."
Psalm 32:1-5

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.**

(Prayer Leader comes forward unannounced and continues prayer)

FURTHER PRAYER – Diane

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 that the gospel may be our rule of life.

God our Father, your light of truth guides us in the way of Christ. May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the gospel.

We ask 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 7th Sunday after Trinity

(Further prayers for our community, mission focus, government, our world, local community and for the church. When finished prayer leader returns to congregation and service leader comes forward to give announcements and introduce last song)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we prepare to leave let's stand and sing...

O Great God

Bob Kauffin

**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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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Together...

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

Romans 15:13