

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrews

Sunday, 7 July 2024

Another Order of Service for Prayer and the
Hearing of God's Word AAPB p39

WELCOME - Diane

*(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 Diane.

Helping me in today's service are our
musicians Fiona, Young-Lan and Linda.
Reading to us from the Bible will be Kay,
leading us in prayer is Young-Lan, and
Michael will bring our Bible teaching.

We here at Abbotsford Anglican Church
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.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have brought us
here today. This time we meet with you
and your people is special. Help us not to
take this moment with you and your
people for granted. Take our anxious
thoughts and let us know your peace,
your presence and your power. May we
listen to your word with expectation,
engage in what we pray and say, and

worship you with all our heart, mind, soul
and strength through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

INTRO TO BIBLE TEACHING

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

MISSION FOCUS REMINDER

*(Service leader reminds congregation of mission
and Anglicare Chaplaincy focus for the month)*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

We have met together to thank God,
to meet with Jesus, and to encourage one
another while we wait for Christ's return.
We shall praise God with our words and
by what we do. We shall hear from his
holy word and we shall pray for the
Church and for all people.

To prepare ourselves, let us hear from the
word of God....

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

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and the despised things—and the things
that are not—to nullify the things that are,
so that no one may boast before him. It is
because of him that you are in Christ
Jesus, who has become for us wisdom
from God—that is, our righteousness,
holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it
is written: "Let the one who boasts boast
in the Lord." *1 Corinthians 1:28-31*

CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to almighty God...

**Most merciful God, we humbly admit
that we need your help. We confess
that we have wandered from your way:
we have done wrong, and we have
failed to do what is right. You alone can
save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out
our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our
Saviour. Amen.**

God wills that all people should be saved
and in response to his call we
acknowledge our sins. He pardons those
who humbly repent and truly believe the
gospel. Therefore, we have peace with
God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be
blessing and honour for ever. **Amen.**

Sing to the Lord a new song.
For he has done marvellous things.

Please stand and let us sing our first song

Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

Glover | Wesley | Darwall | Percival

**Rejoice, the Lord is king!
Your Lord and king adore!
Mortals give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns
The God of truth and love
When he had purged our stains
He took his seat above
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand
Til all his foes submit
And bow to his command
And fall beneath his feet
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the judge shall come
And take his servants up
To their eternal home
We soon shall hear the archangel's
voice!
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**
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GREETING TIME

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Our Bible reading this morning is
Philippians 3:1-11. Please open your
Bibles to page 1180 or follow along on the
screen or on the handout in your News &
Notes.

BIBLE READING – Kay

Philippians 3:1-11

¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice
in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write
the same things to you again, and it is a

safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. (NIV)

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

BIBLE TEACHING – Michael
What do you really trust in?

*(Bible Teacher returns to the congregation and
Service Leader comes forward and invites
congregation to sing the next song)*

Please stand, and let us sing again.

No Other Name

Trevor Hodge

**There is no other name
In heaven can be found
Through whom we are redeemed
Through whom your grace abounds
No other name can save
But Jesus Christ our Lord** *Repeat*

Chorus

**My joy in sorrow's tears
My strength to cast out fears
No other name but Jesus, Jesus
My hope in darkest night
My broken soul's delight
No other name but Jesus, Jesus**

**There is no victory
But Jesus crucified
No other cure for sin
But that our Saviour died
No other hope we have
But that he rose again, he rose again**

Chorus

**No other throne endures
No other song remains
But 'Worthy is the Lamb
Who was for sinners slain'
When every knee shall bow
And tongue confess you are Lord,
you are Lord** *Chorus*

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his 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.**

**universal, complete*

A PSALM

Join me in saying Psalm 119:161-168

**Rulers persecute me without cause,
but my heart trembles at your word.
I rejoice in your promise
like one who finds great spoil.
I hate and detest falsehood
but I love your law.
Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous laws.
Great peace have those who love your**

**law, and nothing can make them
stumble.**

**I wait for your salvation, Lord,
and I follow your commands.
I obey your statutes,
for I love them greatly.
I obey your precepts and your statutes,
for all my ways are known to you. (NIV)**

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

PRAYER – 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.**

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.

Let us pray that the love of God may raise
us beyond what we see to the unseen
glory of his kingdom.

God our Father, may we love you in all
things and above all things and reach the
joy you have prepared for us beyond all
imagining. 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 6th Sunday after Trinity

*Further prayers for the community, the world,
mission focus and for the work of the church.*

Almighty God, you have given us grace to
bring before you with one accord our
common supplication, and you promise
that when two or three are gathered
together in your name you will grant their
requests; fulfil now Lord, the desires and
petitions of your servants, as may be most
expedient for them, granting us in this
world knowledge of your truth, and in the
world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Diane

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, accept our giving
towards ministry in this place and beyond.
We bring them to you as a token of our
love and gratitude; grant that they maybe
wisely used towards your kingdom work
and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AS WE LEAVE

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Let us say together...

**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.**

Please stand to sing our final song

You Never Change

Rob Smith

**Light of the world, Lord of all love
Heavenly Son, sent from above
We are your bride, bought at great cost
Saved by your blood, born of your
cross**

**Gathered as one we bring you praise
All of our lives, all of our days**

Chorus

**For you never change – yesterday,
today and forever**

**Always the same – yesterday, today
and forever**

**Jesus our Lord, faithful and true
Day after day your mercies are new
We worship your name
You never change**

**Shepherd and friend, saviour and king
Shelter we've found under your wings
You never fail, slumber or sleep
Year after year, leading your sheep
Lord we are yours, we're not our own
You are our rock, you are our home**

Chorus

**Hear us, we pray, 'Lord Jesus come'
Heaven come down, your will be done
Gather your church, saved by your
power
Carried through time, kept for this hour
When we will rise, seeing your face
Casting our crowns, praising your
grace** *Chorus x 2*

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