



THE
ABBAY
CHURCH



Epiphany +2

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Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in ancient Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome.

Tolling of the Bells / Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather to worship, we acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuuchahnulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples walk gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. Recognizing and lamenting the harm of colonization, we seek ways to enter into new relationships based on gratitude, respect, truth-telling and justice.

We invite you to take a moment to remember and name with gratitude the people who have stewarded the lands on which you live - at Abbey Church this is the land of the Ləkʷəŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

Let us pray,

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Bind up those places within ourselves and the world that need mending and draw us forward with the strength, love, and courage to give ourselves to the ministry of healing and reconciliation entrusted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem selected/read by poet-in-residence Celine Chuang

Song: The Maker

Oh, oh deep water - black and cold like the night
I stand with arms wide open, I've run a twisted line
I'm a stranger in the eyes of the Maker

I could not see for the fog in my eyes
I could not feel for the fear in my life
And from across the great divide, In the distance I saw a light
Jean Baptiste's walking to me with the Maker

My body is bent and broken - by long and dangerous sleep
I can't work the fields of Abraham and turn my head away
I'm not a stranger in the hands of the Maker

Brother John, have you seen the homeless daughters
Standing there with broken wings?
I have seen the flaming swords rtere over east of Eden
Burning in the eyes of the Maker
Oh, river rise from your sleep
Daniel Larios / Warner Brothers / Opal

The Readings

The Hebrew Scripture:

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ... The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 139

Lord, you have searched me out and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your mighty hand hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turns to night." Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!... Glory to You Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.**

Let us prepare our hearts to hear the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Gloria # 3

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Gospel:

**+THE HOLY GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them

following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon...The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."
...The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

We repeat the gospel acclamation.

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Sermon / Reflection

Meagan Crosby-Shearer, EC

Bell / Silence / Bell

The Creed

I believe in God the Maker almighty
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead on the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heav'n
and is seated at the right hand of the Maker.

He will come again 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.

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Our Prayers: Prayer Litany for Healing

Loving and compassionate God,
Lord of all health and wholeness,
We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Thank you for your gift of healing.

You gift our bodies with incredible means
of protection and repair,

Immune systems that shield and heal us,
Wounds that heal, bones that knit,
tissues that repair themselves.

Thank you for your gift of healing.

You gift our world with plants and herbs
that cure our diseases.

They provide our medicines and pain killers,
They form the basis of our antibiotics and antiseptics.

Thank you for your gift of healing.

You gift us with the wonder of preventative health.
Masks that protect us and others from infection.
Water and soap to cleanse our hands
and the surfaces we touch.

Thank you for your gift of healing.

You gift us with the power to reconcile and be reconciled.
Ways to build bridges and not walls,
Ways to listen and learn and seek forgiveness for the
wounds we have inflicted.

Thank you for your gift of healing.

*Pause to remind yourself of times at which you have
experienced God's healing presence.*

God, you are the great physician and today, we give you
thanks for the dedicated people who have worked tirelessly
to preserve life during these challenging times...

Our prayers of gratitude...

Jesus, you came to save and heal us.
You healed the sick and raised the dead,
You touched lepers and outcasts,
For those who have died and those who mourn,
Touch all who are in need of healing today.

Jesus, you came to save and heal us.
For those suffering with mental illness,
Addiction, depression, anxiety, loneliness
Touch all who are in need of healing today.

Jesus, you came to save and heal us.
For those living with chronic illnesses
And those with unexpected diagnoses
Touch all who are in need of healing today.

Jesus, you came to save and heal us.
Be present to this world overcome with Covid
And all viruses and infectious diseases.
Touch all who are in need of healing today.

Jesus, you came to save and heal us.
Anoint us with your healing balm
And bring health and wholeness to all Creation.
Touch all who are in need of healing today.

We offer our prayers of intercession...

God of health, God of wholeness,
God of love, Heal our bodies,
Heal our souls, Heal our spirits,
Heal our world. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the incarnate One be with you.
And also with you!

Offertory Song: This Is God's Wondrous World

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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Prayer Over The Gifts

Living God, 'you trace our journeys and our resting-places and are acquainted with all our ways'. Since we cannot now receive You in person, come spiritually into our hearts. Accept all we offer you this day, this bread and wine, our lives and desire to follow you. Unite us to you in this sacrament and make us one. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of hope, You speak and creation comes to life.

You come with healing in your wings and we are filled with your Spirit. You loosen the bonds of sickness to let the oppressed go free. You shelter the poor and feed the hungry the bread of life.

And when the night is longest, you break upon us like the dawn. Now we give you thanks that you have shown the greatness of your love by sending your Son Jesus Christ to

share our fragile flesh and bear our every burden. Jesus suffers with the sick, the injured and the dying. By his passion and death he rescues us from evil and binds up every wound. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of earth and heaven we raise our thankful voices and sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord - God of power and might

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna, hosanna, hosana in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

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Steve Bell / Signpost Music / CCLI

It is right to lift our voices in praise for on the night before he died, Jesus at supper with his disciples, took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy God, who sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your Beloved, send your Spirit among us now to sanctify us by your grace. By the power of that same Spirit, make these gifts of bread and wine be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Be close to those who ache for your liberating power. Visit all who need the healing, forgiving, peacemaking and restoring touch of your Spirit. Bless all who long to be called beloved until all stand in your presence and are enfolded in your embrace. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, now and forever.

Amen.

As beloved children of a loving parent, let us pray... *(this may be said in a language or paraphrase of your choice, or as below):*

Abba, Amma, Beloved, 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world. Feed on Christ in your hearts through faith with thanksgiving! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Communion Song: I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

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Prayer After Communion

We thank you, gracious God, that you feed us with your life, touch us with your healing and fill us with your Spirit. Grant us the courage to follow you with open hands and curious hearts into your beloved world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Song: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O my great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me on my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to Thee, I will ever sing to Thee.
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Sending

Go into the world knowing
you are touched by the God who heals.
Let your life shine with the holiness of God.
Let your heart be transformed by the peace of Christ.
Let your ways be filled with the joy of the spirit.
Go into the world as bearers of God's light.

Thanks be to God, Amen.



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