



## Season Of Creation

September 19, 2021 + 4pm

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, evangelicals, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name just a few)...

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

*The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers on the traditional and unceded lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.*

*Come as you are, people of the Spirit...  
Filled with the breath of God!*

## **We Gather**

**Tolling of the Bells**

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgment**

*Bell x 3*

### **A gathering prayer for liberation (selections)**

Written by Rev. Anna Blaedel. Read by Catherine Pate

<https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/a-gathering-prayer-for-liberation/>

### **Gathering Words**

“We will make this place our home

**The dirt in which our roots may grow”<sup>1</sup>**

Come, let us dwell in God’s shelter.

**Let us dwell in God’s work of art.**

Come, because the Earth is the Lord’s,

**And God’s Earth is our home.**

*During the song, AbbeyKids set the kids altar and then are welcome to stay or head over to the hall for AbbeyKids.*

### **Gathering Song:**

#### **Praise the One who breaks the Darkness**

Praise the one who breaks the darkness

With a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners,

Who in time makes all things right.

Praise the one who preached the Gospel,

Healing every dread disease,

Calming storms and feeding thousands

With the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children

With a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons

With a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water

To the desert's burning sand.

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<sup>1</sup> “North” Sleeping at Last

From this well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in every land.

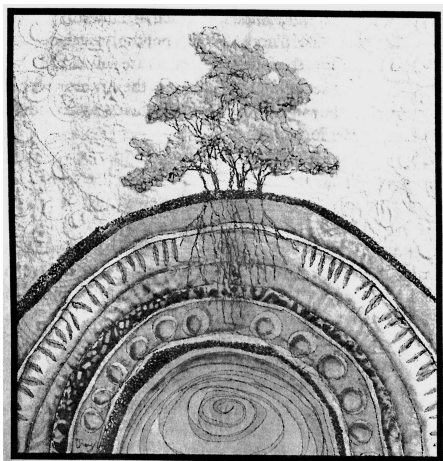
Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Poem

Keys to Kingdoms, by Bud Osborne  
selected/ written by Benjamin Hertwig  
AbbeyChurch Poet-in-Residence

## We Proclaim



**To the Core #10** fabric and thread painting by Lorraine Roy

## Psalm 1

Catherine Pate

*Translation from Reupholstered Psalms by Greg Kennedy SJ*

Happy are those who get happiness,  
that is, who understand that God  
is on their side. They sit down  
together for long hours over tea,  
avidly discussing life's blessed minutiae.

They are like trees.  
 Need I say more? Smiling slowly  
 sunward into a gentle blue eternity  
 full of fruit and leaves,  
 reaching a deep kindness  
 into the heart of Earth.  
 The ungrateful are not so,  
 but are like chaff  
 or, more pointedly, balloons  
 let slip from a disappointed birthday hand  
 and blown into steely power lines.  
 The Lord would love to give them another  
 but they can't pry their anguished eyes  
 from the bit of airy colour trapped  
 far beyond their grasp.

*Please rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation:

♩ = 104      Dm      G/D      Dm<sup>7</sup>      G/D      B<sup>b</sup>

I praise you, O God, with all of my heart. With all the earth I will

sing your prais- es. I prais- es.

C      B<sup>b</sup>      C      B<sup>b</sup>      C      Dm

*Repeats*      *Last time*

*A shorter song of praise suitable as an acclamation or a psalm refrain.*

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## **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Danny Allan

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

...The Gospel of Christ

## **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*We repeat the acclamation*

## **Sermon**

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee

*Bell / Silence / Bell*

## **The Creed (Sung)**

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**

Chivonne Graff

### **Confession**

Creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God. Let  
us confess our sin, confident in God's mercy and grace,

*Silence is kept.*

**Generous God, you created us and placed us here to  
care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away  
from you and for neglecting the earth. Raise us up and  
make us again stewards of your creation that we may  
see your presence in all that surrounds us; through  
Christ we pray. Amen.** - PWRDF Season of Creation

### **Absolution/Assurance of Grace**

Let us rejoice that in Christ we are made a new creation.  
Almighty God have +mercy upon you, pardon and deliver  
you from all your sins. Confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness and keep you in everlasting life. Through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the  
mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **Offertory Song: A Case of You**

Just before our love got lost you said  
"I am as constant as a northern star"  
And I said, "Constantly in the darkness  
Where's that at?  
If you want me I'll be in the bar"  
On the back of a cartoon coaster  
In the blue TV screen light  
I drew a map of Canada  
Oh, Canada  
With your face sketched on it twice

### *Chorus:*

Oh, you're in my blood like holy wine  
You taste so bitter and so sweet  
Oh, I could drink a case of you, darling  
And I would still be on my feet  
Oh, I would still be on my feet

Oh, I am a lonely painter  
I live in a box of paints  
I'm frightened by the devil  
And I'm drawn to those ones that ain't afraid  
I remember that time you told me  
You said, "Love is touching souls"  
Surely you touched mine  
'Cause part of you pours out of me  
In these lines from time to time *Chorus*

I met a woman  
She had a mouth like yours  
She knew your life  
She knew your devils and your deeds  
And she said, "Go with it, and stay with it,  
But be prepared to bleed" *Chorus*

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## **We Feast**

### **The Invitation**

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.  
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.  
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.  
It is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate.

**Made one in Christ and with God's creation, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.** *Iona Community.*

(chanted)

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.**

Holy God how wonderful is the work of your hands, all of  
creation echoes the music of your praise...

(Cantor) Glory to you forever and ever.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

...therefore with all of creation we sing:

**Holy Holy Holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

As Jesus was eating with his disciples...

...Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to  
us in Jesus your child.

(Cantor) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

**(All) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

...be gathered and made one in your love.

(Chanted) **Amen**

## **Silence**

As beloved Children of a loving parent let us pray:  
(as below or in a translation or language of your choosing)

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, Source of all that is and shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain our hope and come on earth! With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*All are welcomed to receive at Jesus' table. For those in-house the bread is gluten-free.*

## **Communion Song: With Great Gentleness**

Come to Jesus, He will never cast you out  
Come you thirsty, put aside your fear, your doubt

*Chorus:*

With great gentleness, with great gentleness  
He draws you, how He draws you,  
See how He draws you to Himself

Come to Jesus, He will satisfy your heart  
With His presence, and be your lantern in the dark *Chorus*  
Sandra McCracken/Drink Your Tea Music 2017/CCLI

### **Prayer after Communion**

O God, we thank you that you are in our blood like holy wine.  
Your Love has touched our souls and turned us back to you, as  
creatures within your beloved creation. This week may part of  
You pour out of us in our words, in our lives and in our care of  
your earth, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen**

### **We Are Sent**

### **Blessing**

#### **Song: Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for God is thy health and salvation.  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;  
Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen how all you needed has been  
Met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;  
surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;  
gladly with praise we adore him.

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### **Sending**

Go in the peace of Christ to tend the earth and care for  
God's good creation.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**



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