



Reign of Christ

Sunday November 21, 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, 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.

The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers on the traditional lands of the ɫkʷəŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.

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

We Gather

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

As we gather this day, we wish to humbly acknowledge with gratitude that we stand on the land of the ɫəkʷəŋən-speaking People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

We give thanks for this land and all those who have stewarded it; for their stories and for their lives – past, present, and future. We repent of our complicity in systems of colonization and commit ourselves to prayerfully seek reconciliation, justice and healing – that we might listen and learn to be faithful stewards of this good land and live in right relationship.

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

In possibility, wonder, and mystery, we gather.

In grief, burnout, and fear for our climate, we gather.

With community, creativity, and intention, we gather.

With anger, questions, and heartbreak, we gather.

We gather together to remember who God is:

The One who remains as rulers rise and fall.

The One whose love sets free.

The One who took on flesh to serve the world.

The One who creates life where evil intends death.

Among us, within us, in spite of us, God endures forever.

Everlasting One, your power is neither controlling nor reckless; it is not arrogant and it is not destructive. Your strength is made manifest in service, transforming the

world through acts of radical compassion and justice. May your Spirit guide us, that we too may have the courage to believe in this power of love. **Amen.**

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Gathering Song: Soon and Very Soon **Led by AbbeyChurch Kids Choir**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King! (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King! (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

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Poem

selected/ written by Benjamin Hertwig
AbbeyChurch Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN (1:4B-8A)

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia (x4)

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The Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (18:33-37)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

...The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

We repeat the acclamation

Sermon

Amy Haynes

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

Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

In silence, we bring our confessions before God

silence is kept.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our
brokenness. To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of
others, and the life of the world.**

Absolution / Assurance

The Peace

Please rise in body or in spirit

Beloved in Christ, the peace of Christ be with you

and also with you!

Offertory Song: Jesus, Let Your Kingdom Come

Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah

Jesus, let Your kingdom come

Hallelu, hallelujah

Jesus, let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy (x4) *Chorus*

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace (x4) *Chorus*

You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new *Chorus*

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We Feast

The Invitation

The table of bread and wine is now made ready
and all are welcome.

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.*

Brief Silence

(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...

...For a peace that would last and for a justice that would
never fail.

Glory to you forever and ever.

...therefore with all of creation we sing:

***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.***

As Jesus was eating with his disciples...

...Do this in remembrance of me

Glory to you forever and ever.

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

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

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

Silence

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):*

Our Father, (or Parent/Source, if you prefer)

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.

Amen.

Silence.

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

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

Communion Song:

The Kingdom of God

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.' The final line of the song is marked 'Last time' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

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Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table. Now send us forth to be your people in the world; To care for the earth, to proclaim your love and to enact your reign of justice, peace and joy. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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Go into the world proclaiming God's upside-down reign of love!

Thanks be to God. Amen!



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