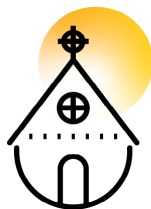


Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 + 2pm



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THE
ABBHEY
CHURCH

*Come as you are,
people offering their lives
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

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 of how to follow Jesus into
this world.

We invite and celebrate 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 radical love binds us together in
unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome...
Welcome!

*The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers on
the traditional lands of the ɫk^wəŋən People, known today as
the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.*

We Gather

Opening Announcement Loop

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Opening Words

God meets us at the end of the line, even in death.

God holds us in doubt, despair, desperation.

Faithfully, love rises to reassure us: Christ lives!

God is alive. God is with us. We rejoice!

Alleluia! The Holy is alive within us!

Praise the God of New Life even amidst grief,

Praise the God of Possibility even when all seems lost.

The stone of despair has been rolled away!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen, Alleluia!

Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*During this next song we invite you to Celebrate!
Dance and sing, bring forward flowers to decorate the cross!*

Poem selected by Benjamin Hertwig -

Poet-in-Residence: "God send easter" by Lucille Clifton
and read by céline chuang (莊善寧)

Children Anthem: Now the Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that He would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that arising green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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We Proclaim

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (49:1a, 8-13)

Listen, you coastlands, to me. And pay heed, you peoples
from afar! Thus says the Mighty God: In a favorable time I
have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped
you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the
people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate
portions; saying to the prisoners, "Go free!" to those who
are in darkness, "Let yourselves be seen." Along the paths
they shall pasture, and on all the bare heights shall be

their pasture. They shall not hunger nor shall they thirst, neither shall heat nor sun strike them down, for the one who mother-loves them shall lead them, and by springs of water shall guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a pathway, and my highways shall be raised up. Look! These shall come from far away, and see! These from the north and from the sea to the west, these from the southland of Syene. Sing for joy, you heavens, and exult, O earth; let mountains break forth into singing! For the Tender Loving One has comforted God's people, and will mother-love God's suffering ones...The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, Hallelujah, for He rose up from the ground! x2
American traditional

The Gospel

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John (20: 1-18)
Now it was the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came, early on while it was still dark, to the tomb and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Messiah out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple came and went to the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple ran ahead of Peter and reached the tomb first. And bending down to see, saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not enter. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb, and he saw the linen wrappings lying there. And the facecloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up separately in another place. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, went in and saw and believed. Indeed they did not understand the scripture, that it was necessary for Jesus to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned once more to their homes. Now Mary stood outside, facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent down to see in the tomb. Then she saw two

angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?” She said to them, “Because they have taken my Savior, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why do you weep? For whom do you look?” Thinking that he was the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, Mary. She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. Rather, go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Abba and your Abba, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Savior”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

We repeat the sung gospel acclamation

Sermon

Matt Humphrey, EC

Silence

The Apostles 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 life everlasting. Amen.

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Offertory: Because He Lives

God sent the son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living - Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy they give;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! *Refrain*

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! *Refrain*
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We Feast

Prayer Over The Gifts

Spirit of Christ, source of all that restores and revives, in celebration of your abiding presence, receive all we offer you today. Bless them to the work of your hope. Multiply them for the care of your people in body and spirit, that all the earth may thrive in the glory of resurrection. **Amen**
(enfleshed)

The Holy Eucharist *(Joining the Angels Song)*

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 risen Lord.
It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, for you are the God of creation and new Creation, of covenant and new Covenant. You brought your people out of Slavery to Freedom in the promised land and you brought your son from the depth of death to the glory of Resurrection Life. And so we gladly thank you, with all the company of

Heaven and your creation, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

The Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. *repeat.*
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Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for Christ is risen! Jesus, who at supper with his disciples took bread, gave you thanks broke it and gave it to them saying Take and 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 companions saying drink this all of you, this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is 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!

Eucharistic Prayer adapted - St. Lydia's Table, Brooklyn, NY.

Hope and joy are our breath, merciful God, for in a garden of life, you have rolled away the stone of fear and despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of sin, the stone of lament, the stone of death.

As you did in creation so too in the the wonder of resurrection - send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the body and blood of the risen Christ.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your life, that all who labour, all who weep, all who hunger, all who rejoice shall meet you in the breaking of the bread.

Shape your church to be your risen body, a diverse and beautiful garden of your Spirit until you come again and we feast together in your kingdom and are made one in your love. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

**Our Father (Mother/Source) in heaven,ssssssssssssss
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 is kept.

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. It may contain dairy and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free option, please let the presider know. There is wine in the common cup as well as wine and grape juice in the individual cups.

Communion Song: Glory Bound

When I hear that trumpet sound
I will lay my burdens down
I will lay them deep into the ground
Then I'll know that I am glory bound

I'll be travelling far from home
But I won't be looking for to roam
I'll be crossing o'er the great divide
In a better home soon I will reside
Refrain: Hallelujah x4

When I'm in my resting place
I'll look on my mother's face
Never more will I have to know
All the loneliness that plagues me so

So I'm waiting for that train to come
And I know where she's coming from
Listen can you hear her on the track?
When I board I won't be looking back *Refrain*
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Prayer After Communion

Risen Christ, in this meal we have tasted your life. May this meal nourish us to look for the living - your Spirit alive in relationships and efforts that lead to the thriving of our spirits, our bodies, and our communities. Help us water seeds of solidarity, tend the soil of creativity, and relish the blooming of healing and see your resurrection love grow in and through us. **Amen.** *(enfleshed [alt])*

We Are Sent

Blessing/Benediction:

Even in a world aching with loss, and crying out for repair, the joy of Christ alive is our steady companion.

The same Spirit that has sustained hope through the centuries promises to see us through these days.

That we might hang on to beauty, fight for justice, and celebrate the gifts of loving and being loved, we go proclaiming our hallelujahs.

Our Christ is risen. Our hope is eternal. *(enfleshed)*

And the blessing of God...

Closing Song: Walking on Sunshine

I used to think maybe you loved me, now, baby, I'm sure
And I just can't wait till the day when you knock on my door
Now every time I go for the mailbox, gotta hold myself down
'Cause I just can't wait till you write me you're coming around

Chorus: I'm walking on sunshine, whoa (3X)

And don't it feel good!

I used to think maybe you loved me, now I know that it's true
And I don't want to spend my whole life just a-waiting for you
Now, I don't want you back for the weekend, not back for a day.
I said, baby, I just want you back, and I want you to stay *Chorus*
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Sending:

Let us go forth in a collective Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

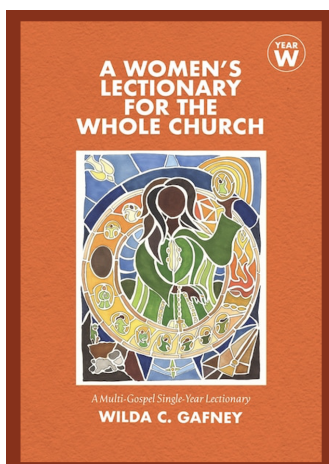
Thanks to all who came together this Holy Week and Easter Day to collaborate in marking this holy season as community!

Note: Potluck Easter Feast tomorrow at 530pm at 1702 Belmont House. All Welcome!

No morning prayer this week and no AbbeyChurch next Sunday - the 24th.

We are back to our regular rhythms the week of April 26th.
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Women's Lectionary



As a liturgical church, we join the wider church in a common set of readings each week in worship, called a *Lectionary*.

However, the 3-year Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) has many limitations in terms of what stories are centered and told - and more importantly, those that are not.

Since last Advent, we at AbbeyChurch have taken our weekly readings from the Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year (Year W) - and we'll continue to do so for the rest of this liturgical year (at least).

The Rev. Wilda Gafney (ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and The Episcopal Church USA - part of the Anglican Communion) has put together this alternate set of readings which includes a new Womanist translation of the Biblical texts. Her translations contrast our traditional readings in important ways – such as rendering the personal pronouns and titles for God in the feminine (which you will find weekly as we say/sing her Psalm translations) and centering the unnamed women in the genealogies and accounts of historic

figures in the Hebrew Bible. This centers the long overlooked or neglected figures in our Bible reading.

Our aim in adopting this lectionary is to recover a deeper and more liberating reading of the Biblical text, even as we confess and confront the ways our reading of these stories has done much historic violence and harm to so many.



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