

Easter 3

May 1, 2022 + 4pm



Barry Motes (American), Supper at Yummaus.



THE
ABBAY
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 łəkʷəŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.

Opening Loop
Tolling of the Bells
Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Wild and wondrous God

Creator of all

Spirit of life and love and liberation

Mother and Lover and Conspirator and Friend

Tender tender of possibility and dream

You have called us together, in this time, and this place and so, here we are:

full of wisdom and wondering, full of hope and fear weariness and longing, passion and pain

Unleash your wild power in us, we pray

Deepen our connection with You and with each other

Deepen our capacity to hear the voices of those too often silenced, to honor the presence of those too often erased, to center the wisdom of those pushed to the margins,

That we might bear witness to the complex truths of our wholly holy lives and the complex needs of your beautiful, broken world.

Holy Stranger, at times we do not recognize you. We have inherited beliefs that narrow our perception. We rely on you, O God, to help us expand our understanding of the Sacred among us. Stretch us, that we might grow in faith. Challenge us, that we might deepen our commitment to love's strange ways. **Amen** *(enfleshed)*

During the next Song, AbbeyKids set our altar

Opening Song: Who Will Roll Away the Stone?

Early in the morning, the sun already risen
Three women came bearing spices, the Lord's body to anoint
Standing outside the tomb, they asked each other saying:

"Who will roll away the stone?" (X4)

Looking up they realized, the stone had been removed
And to their amazement, a young man sat before them
"Do not be afraid, for Jesus the Nazarene
He who has been crucified, here you will not find

He has risen from the dead (X4)

You'll find him on the road
You'll find him at your table (X2)

He has risen from the dead (X4)

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Poem

We Proclaim

Psalms 78:1-7 *(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)*

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the utterances of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a proverb;
I will utter riddles from of old.
Which we have heard and known,
and which our mothers and fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their daughters and sons;
we will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds of She Who Speaks Life,
and her might and the wonderful works she has done.
She gave her decrees for Rebekah's descendants
and placed teaching among Sarah's offspring,
which she commanded their mothers and fathers
to make known to their daughters and sons.

In order that a coming generation, children yet to be, might know, and will rise up and tell their daughters and sons. Then they will put their confidence in God, and not forget the works of God, but will keep her commandments.

*Please rise in body or in spirit
as we prepare our hearts for the reading of the Gospel*

Gospel Acclamation: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, Hallelujah, Jesus 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 of Luke (24:13-35)

(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)

Now see, two of them on that very day (the first day of the week) were going to a village that was seven miles from Jerusalem; its name was Emmaus. And they talked with each other about all the things that had happened. And it happened while they were talking and questioning that Jesus himself came near and accompanied them. Yet their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And Jesus said to them, "What is this conversation you are having with each other while you journey?" They stood in place, sorrowful. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, replied to him saying, "Are you the only foreigner in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there these days?" Jesus asked them, "What kind of things?" They replied, "About Jesus the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. Also how our chief priests and leaders surrendered him to be sentenced to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to soon redeem Israel. Now besides all this, instead, it is now the third day since these things have taken place. Then again, certain women of our

community astounded us. They were at the tomb this morning. And when they did not find the body, they came back and told us they had seen a vision of angels who said Jesus was alive. Then some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then Jesus said to them, “Oh, foolish souls, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things to enter into his glory?” And starting from Moses and from all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. When they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. So they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is nearly over.” Then he went in to stay with them. When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from before them. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the way, while he was opening up the scriptures to us?.” Now that same hour they rose up and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and others with them gathered together. They were saying, “Really! The Savior has risen, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Acclamation Continued

Glory, glory, Hallelujah, Jesus rose up from the ground! x2

American traditional

Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Bell. Silence for Reflection. Bell

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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Our Prayers

The Peace

Standing in the forgiveness and mercy of the risen Christ,
the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

We acknowledge the face of Christ in each other.

The Offertory: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom *Refrain*

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*We set our table and we celebrate the diversity of financial and
spiritual gifts offered by the community this week!*

We Feast

Prayer Over The Gifts / Invitation to the Table

Risen Christ, the disciples on the Emmaus road, offered their pain, their confusion, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we too offer you our love, our struggle, these gifts of bread and wine, and these hearts longing to burn. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, here at this table and in the tables of justice and peace we will lay this week. **Amen.** - Carol Penne [alt]

Silence

The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give God our thanks and praise

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Holy God how wonderful is the work of your hands...

Glory to you forever and ever x 2

**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...

Glory to you forever and ever

As supper was ending Jesus took the wine...

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, will come again. X2

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

Amen X4

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

Our Father (Mother/Source) 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.

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. Juice is in the small cups. Wine in the common cup.

Communion Song: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine,
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine
be our immortal food.

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Prayer after Communion

Author of life divine,
in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.
Feed us always in these mysteries,
that we may show your glory to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (*enfleshed*)

We Are Sent

Blessing

Closing Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
On this earth thou makest thy place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Sending

Though our hearts may be weary,
the Spirit sends us with hope.

There is an opportunity before us to practice radical love,
**to open our doors to unexpected guests,
and to find Christ in our midst.**

May the God of the Emmaus Road walk the Way with us,
and keep our hearts burning for justice and truth.

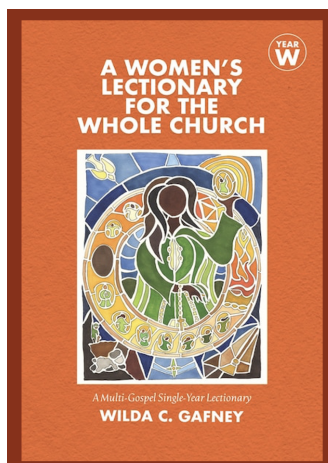
With peace, God sends us to make it so. Amen. Alleluia!

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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